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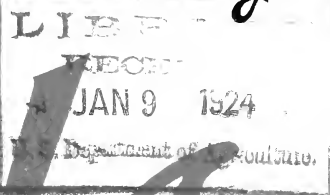
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One Million Customers

Raise Bumper

Crops From My

Seeds



1924

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State Fair  
WATERMELON  
95 lbs.

Henry Field

SHENANDOAH

IOWA, U.S.A.

# A Letter From the Boss

Here I am again, writing the last page of the catalog. Yes, it's the last page, although you see it first. The rest of the catalog is all written. I wrote every word of it myself, and now that I am done with the business part of it, I just want to visit with you a little while. The big press down stairs is all ready to roll and just waiting for this page, and the printer man says I will have to hurry if I have anything more to say. All right, I haven't got much special to say and it won't take long to say it, and it probably won't amount to a whole lot when it is said.

I hope you will enjoy the catalog and the seed orders as much as I do. I feel that we are all friends together, and sort of a big congenial family. I feel acquainted with all of you. I want to help you all I can to have better gardens, and better families, and better living conditions, and better pigs, and more flowers, and fruit, and homes of your own. I feel that when I send out flowers and better seeds and fruit plants and such, I am doing the best kind of missionary work.

I have been working along these lines with you in this seed business for 25 years now. Maybe longer. Some of you have been with me all of the time. Yes, I am getting older, but I don't admit that 52 is very old at that. Still, it makes a man do some hard thinking to see his children growing up and the grandchildren coming on. I figure that I am not much more than half done, and that the last half is always better than the first half. I know I can do you a lot more good now than I could when I started 25 years ago.

People who know, tell us that we now have the largest mail order seed business in the United States. More cus-

tomers and more orders and more friends. And you know as well as I do why it is. It is because we haven't let size and prosperity spoil us. We think just as much of every little order as we did when we only got a dozen a day, and we take as much pains filling it as if our whole business depended on that one order.

Whether your order is big or little we will appreciate it and take care of it, and study over what you want and try to give you real service. That's the only way to do.

We want your order and your good will, and we want you to tell your neighbors about us. That's what helps more than anything else. Tell your neighbor that Henry Field is just a common, everyday old market gardener of a fellow, who loves flowers and garden and children, and wants everybody else to enjoy them with him. I never expect to get rich or get fat or get away from work. But I do expect to have a good time as I go along, and enjoy my friends and my family and my garden and my comfortable old clothes, and the letters from the customers, and get three meals a day and a good night's sleep. Hope you all have the same. You can help us a lot and do some good on your own account by introducing us to your neighbor. We will appreciate it, and so will your neighbor.

And anyway, write me a letter and tell me your troubles. Maybe I can help you. Advice is always free, such as it is, also samples and literature. Write and tell me your successes, too. I will pass them along to the rest of the folks

And come and see me some time.

HENRY FIELD.

January 1, 1924.



## The Latest Picture of the Field Bunch—or Most of Them

No, they are not quite all here, as the two oldest boys are missing from the picture. Philip is away at college at Indianola, and Frank is married and lives in Council Bluffs. The rest are all there, and two grandchildren, Faith's two little ones. As they stand in the picture, they are Jessie, Georgia, Mary, Faith, John Henry, Letty, Ruth, Josephine, and Hope. Faith is holding her baby son, and Mary is holding her other boy, Dickie. And, of course, father and mother are standing in the back row. This picture was taken in the fall, but, of course, we haven't aged much since then, so it looks fairly natural. Yes, Letty is still the baby of the family, but she has started to school now and insists she is not a baby at all, but a big girl. Yes, a big family is nice, but it's lots of work and worry. One good thing, though, we never have much doctor bills to pay. The doctors would all starve to death so far as we are concerned. No, we don't claim to be authorities on raising children. We're willing to admit there's a lot we don't know about it. But we are trying our best to turn out a bunch of fairly creditable future citizens.

H. F.

# The Beginnings of a Seed Business

**AN APOLOGY.** *This story below is old to the old customers, and I wish to apologize to them for printing it again, but it is new to the new customers, and I am printing it for their benefit. You old customers can skip it or read it over again just as you please. The new customer should read it, for nothing else will give so good an idea of what this business is like and why it grows as it does.*

It is always interesting to look at a big business, know the inside history of it, reason for its being and how it started. My seed business ranks as one of the half dozen largest in the United States. I have customers at probably every postoffice in the country. I have a lovely big fire-proof building and about three hundred people working for me, and it all traces back to 50 cents worth of home-grown flower seeds which I put up and sold about 45 years ago, when I was a boy five years old.



*It all started from my mother reading the James Vick catalog to me; it was my dearest possession.*

carried around until I wore it out. He also sent me a colored picture of gladiolas, the first I had ever seen. All the next summer I was saving seed every chance I got, but when fall came, to my sore disappointment, I could not find anyone who would buy them. Finally Aunt Martha Long, a kind hearted old lady, out of the goodness of her heart, gave me an order for fifty cents worth of flower seeds, and I think I must have worked several days making up by hand the little envelopes to put the seed in and getting them filled to my satisfaction. It may interest you to know that this old lady was until recently living at an advanced age in California and was still a customer of the Henry Field Seed Co. At eight years old I embarked in the market garden business for myself, walking two miles to town with a basket on each arm. My father and I were in partnership on the deal and I got half the proceeds. The little old account books show I cashed \$3.65 for my share. I was not in the business yet, but I was getting as near to it as I could. About this time I got a prize of a silver dollar from my Sunday school teacher for perfect attendance. I invested the whole thing in pansy seed and was going to get rich raising pansy plants to sell. After they were grown I was unable to sell any, as ours was a little country town with no market for flowers. Every year I got more and more into the market garden business.



*At eight years of age I embarked in the garden business walking two miles to town with my garden stuff to sell.*

My father was a live-stock farmer, but my tastes ran entirely to garden stuff and flowers and fruit. He humored me in this and allowed me to have practically a free hand at my kind of farming and I worked up

I think it all started from the reading of the James Vick catalog. James Vick was really the father of the mail-order seed business, and I can remember yet just how that catalog looked to me. It was my dearest possession and I can remember having my mother read it out loud to me. Up to that time my ambition had been somewhat divided and I did not really know whether I wanted to be a policeman or a railroad engineer, but it certainly was to be one of the two. After studying the catalog, however, I wanted to be a seedsman and I insisted that my mother write to Mr. Vick to that effect. The dear old man wrote me a personal letter in reply, which I



*A kind-hearted old lady gave me an order for 50c worth of seeds. My first order.*

quite a little trade on strawberry plants and seed potatoes of improved varieties.

At fifteen I got my first experience in real seed business. At that time Livingston's Seed Company, then and now of Columbus, Ohio, had a branch house at Des Moines, Iowa, in charge of one of the sons, Josiah: I went to Des Moines, and worked for him. It was there I met the late A. W. Livingston, of tomato fame, a lovable old man, and I gained from him a bigger and better idea of the seed business than I had ever had up to that time. I worked for \$3.50 a week that winter and paid \$3.00 of it for board, but what I learned and the inspiration I gained made it richly worth while.



*Worked in a seed store at \$3.50 per week, but the inspiration I gained made it worth while.*

I could not get into the seed business on my own account yet, however, as it kept me busy making a living, but all the time I was dreaming about how I would run a seed business, if I got the chance, and it may interest you to know that the plans formulated at that time, now over 35 years ago, are the identical plans that have made the Henry Field Seed Company the great and prosperous firm it is, and are still the backbone of the great business.

By the time I was twenty-one I was doing a big trucking and market-garden business on my own account, was married and settled down on a little truck farm of my own (bought on long time). I had a big local trade in strawberry plants, and about this time I began to broaden out into a seed business in a small way. I raised seeds myself from choice strains developed in my market-garden business and the neighbors kept coming to me for seeds. They noticed



*When I was twenty-one I was doing a big market business on my own little truck farm.*

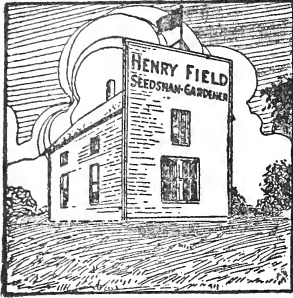
that I had pretty fair luck with gardening, and they wanted the "same seeds that I used," so I took to soliciting among my neighbors every winter, and I would work nights and stormy days putting up the seeds and getting them ready for delivery. I was the whole thing, from catalog to delivery wagon. I sold good dependable seeds at a reasonable price, and helped my customers in every way to make a success with them. Of course the business spread. It wasn't long before I was supplying half of the country, and getting mail orders from outside. I had to turn the front room of our little four-room house into an office, and the barn into a seedhouse. Pretty soon I had to get out a catalog or price list. This was in 1899.



*I took to soliciting orders among my neighbors every winter and would work nights and stormy days putting up the seeds and getting them ready for delivery. I sold good dependable seed at a reasonable price and helped my customers in every way to make a success of them.*

It was a little four-page folder that I printed myself at nights on a hand-power printing press. I worked nights for two weeks or more getting out a few thousand of them. The next year I had a twelve-page catalog with pictures in it, but of course the business was as yet very small.

About 1902 I built my first seedhouse, a story and a half structure costing about \$500, and with my name in big letters across the front of it. Maybe you think I wasn't proud of it. It seemed a terrible venture to put that much money into a business, and the building was really bigger than it seemed I would ever need, but I had the nerve to go ahead with it. Here is a photograph of it.



My First Seed House in 1902

Well, we had to build an addition to that building every year. By 1907 we had built on every side of it and there was no room to build any farther. In 1903 we had put out our first catalog. It was thirty-two pages, nicely printed and with a colored cover. About that time, possibly the next year, I started corn in the ear instead of shelled. The seed trade laughed at me, then growled at me. They said I was unsettling the whole seed business, but my customers liked it, and they simply swamped me with seed-corn business. Practically every seedsman in the United States now offers ear seed corn. Then along about 1906 I commenced grading my shelled seed corn so it would run in an edge drop planter. This was the first attempt any seedsman ever made to do such a thing. They all do it now.

All this time the business has been growing and expanding until it had entirely outgrown our facilities, so in 1907 some of my friends told me I ought to incorporate the business and let them help me. They offered to go in with me and help put the business in shape so that we could take care of the customers in the right manner, so we organized the *Henry Field Seed Company*, with \$75,000 capital, and put up a fine, big fire-proof seed house near the track where we could load and unload the cars right at our own platform. On this page is a picture of the building just as it looks, but it does not show the seed corn annex, which is a building about the same size, but not so tall, on the other side of the main building in the picture.

We have since bought three other large buildings to get more room for the growing business, and now occupy in all about 100,000 square feet of floor space.



**HENRY FIELD**  
Seedsman  
Pres. and Gen.  
Mgr.  
*Henry Field Seed*  
Company

We have beautiful grounds around the buildings, all planted to flowers, and trial ground, and such as that. The seed growing is on farms further out, except small particular lots which I have here on the home grounds, where they can be right under my eye. We have a splendid printing office right in the building, where we can do all our own printing.

In a busy time we have about 400 people working in the different departments. We furnish over two-thirds of the postal business of this town, and have the largest payroll in the place. We have probably the finest collection of peonies in the world, over 300 named varieties, many of them very rare. We have a collection of gladiolas, which flower lovers have come hundreds of miles to see when they are in bloom. We have built up the grade of seed corn around Shenandoah until Page county is known for the excellence of the seed grown here, and it all traces back to the five-year-old boy studying Vick's catalog and making a sale of 50c worth of flower seed. Every customer recommends me to two or three others. Of course, I have advertised, and sent out nice catalogs and all that; but back of it all is the fact that I have delivered the goods. All the good advertising in the world wouldn't do a bit of good if I didn't back it up with



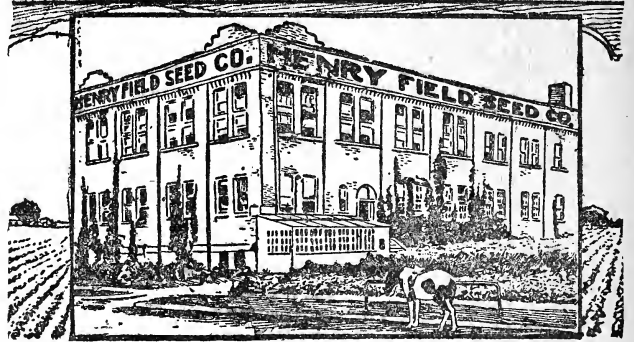
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value received. I know that as well as you do. The advertising is simply my show-window to attract customers. After they once come, it is up to me to keep them coming, and I really believe that four-fifths of our new business comes not from advertising, but from personal recommendation of satisfied customers.

Henry Field.

P. S. I want your help to make the business bigger yet. Speak a good word for me to that neighbor of yours and hand him your catalog. I will gladly send you another.

H. F.



Our Big, Fire-Proof Building, No. 1, Built in 1907  
We have five other buildings added since.

## It's Easy to Buy Seeds by Mail

One reason our business has grown so, is because it is so easy and satisfactory to buy seeds by mail. We couldn't hold and increase our trade the way we do otherwise. And what suits so many thousands of our customers is bound to suit you.

You can take several evenings to look over the catalog and study the descriptions and estimate the amounts you will need, and read the cultural directions, and plan your garden as you go along. You have a wide range of varieties to choose from, and can buy any amount, much or little. It's lots of fun making out a seed order.

And in buying from a reputable and successful seed house you are assured of high quality, backed by a liberal guarantee. It is a well known and conceded fact that you get better quality from the good mail order seedhouses than you do in the local stores.

Last year a group of prominent farm papers sent out a questionnaire to their subscribers in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, in an effort to find out where they bought their seeds, and why. The summing up of these replies was sent to me and I was very much gratified to find that our firm led the list, and in fact showed more customers than all other mail order seed houses combined.

The reasons given were very interesting. It appeared that practically all the people who answered conceded that the mail order houses supplied better seeds and a better assortment, and honest treatment, while the people who bought locally mostly gave as their reason that it was handier when they were in a hurry.

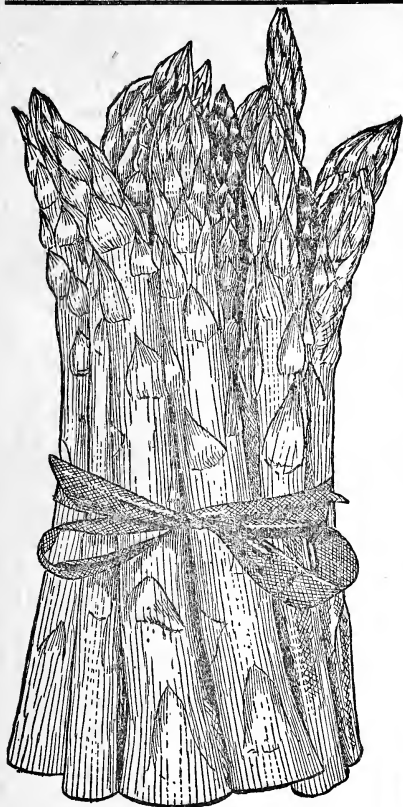
The final summing up showed that about half the people in these four states bought seeds by mail and about half locally. And of the mail order half we had as many as all other mail order seedsmen combined.

Now, this wide spread and general verdict ought to mean something to you. If we can suit all those people we can suit you. No question about it. We guarantee to do it. And it's easy to order from us. Just write out your list any way you please, and mail it. That's all. Send any kind of money or checks you please. If there's too much, we'll send it back.

But don't put it off too long. There's where the trouble comes in. You wait and wait till it's pretty weather and the hens are singing in the yard, and you get excited all of a sudden and run to town and take what you can get, and you know about what kind of a garden you have from it—or don't have.

Don't do it. Get busy and make out that order right now and get it off your mind. Then you will have the seeds ready when garden weather comes.

H. F.



Bunched Asparagus  
**Asparagus**

#### Washington Rust Resistant

We have dropped all other varieties which we have listed for years, and will carry this one alone. This will, in a way, give you an idea of our high opinion of this new variety.

It was developed at Cambridge, Mass., by the Bureau of Plant Industry working with the Massachusetts Experiment Station. It is practically immune from rust, a disease that is spreading over the country, which weakens and often kills the plant. Seed per pkt., 10c; ounce, 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c.

#### Asparagus Easy to Grow

It really grows like a weed. Just give it room and decent cultivation, and you can't help but succeed. It's mighty good eating in the spring of the year, too. Nothing better.

Plant the seed or set the plants early. It's all bosh, this talk about trenching and all that. Just get the roots in the ground right side up and covered about 3 or 4 inches deep. That's all. Keep the weeds hoed off course. Plants 10 inches apart in the row. Rows any convenient distance apart.

No crop the first year but a crop the next year and plenty from then on for 20 years to come. Cut every day or every other day from early spring till peas come. Great money maker. Can't freeze out or dry out or drown out or hail out. Sure income. Regular pension.

## Asparagus Plants

#### Washington Rust Resistant

These prices include delivery prepaid by either parcel post or express in zones 1, 2, 3, and 4. Beyond zone 4 add 10 per cent per zone prepay. Prices are for strong plants. 2 year plants are the old variety. Postpaid prices as above.

1 YEAR PLANTS—Washington						
Doz.	25	100	200	300	500	1000
\$	.40	\$.60	\$2.00	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$7.50
2 YEAR PLANTS—Conovers Colossal						
\$	.50	\$.75	\$2.25	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$8.00

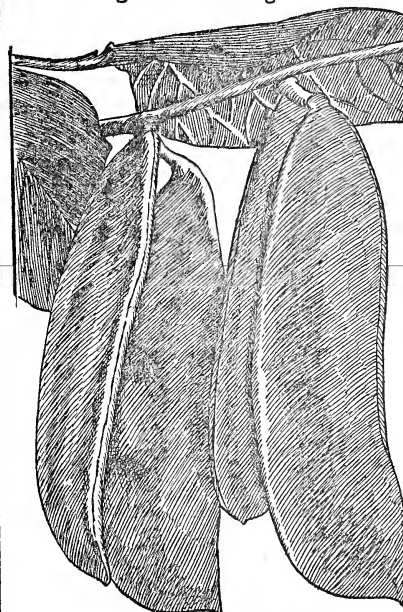
Ask for lower prices on large lots to come by express or freight at your expense.

Home garden, 100 plants in a bed 10 feet by 20 feet.

## Field Beans

This is the little white navy bean, and as a food crop it ranks right at the top. In fact, we could not get along without them. Grow them for winter use. Plant in this latitude about June 15th. Use twenty pounds of seed to the acre and cultivate like potatoes. Pull when ripe and throw in piles and when dry, thrash.

They make a fine dish any time but more especially during cold weather. Boil with a good chunk of pork as seasoning, or bake with bacon strips and a little sugar, and brown to a rich turn. Fine during corn husking.



Henderson's Bush Lima

#### Postpaid Prices on Field Beans

	Pkt.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb	lb	3 lb
Lady Washington. An improved small white navy—5	15	45	1.20	
White Wonder. The small white navy—5	10	35	.90	
Tepary. Dry weather navy bean—5	10	35	.90	
Great Northern. White bean for winter use—5	15	45	1.20	
Mexican Pinto. Speckled bean for dry countries—5	10	35	.90	

Ask for wholesale prices for larger quantities.

## Yellow or Wax Podded

### Bush Beans

I always have had a preference for the wax bean. I have imagined they tasted a little better than the green podded sorts, but I guess it was imagination only, for the color of the pod has very little, if anything, to do with the quality of the bean.



Burpee's Stringless Green Pod

Among the best real early wax podded beans is the *New Stringless Yellow Pod*. It is a pretty bean. The pods are not very large but thick on the bush and the quality is fine. The pod is round and stringless.

*Challenge Black Wax* is an early good yielding variety, the pods resembling those of *New Stringless Yellow Pod* but larger, and the quality fully equal. It is an old standby that will not disappoint you.

*Wardwell's Kidney Wax* will come nearer making good under adverse conditions than any other variety. It is an early and a heavy yielder, has a showy pod which makes it very popular with the gardeners. It also resists rust remarkably well, which is quite a recommendation in some sections.

*Davis White Kidney Wax* is a very showy variety and is largely grown for market and for the canning factories. It has a long, straight pod of a beautiful waxy color, white seed, and is a splendid yielder. I cannot say that the quality is equal to some but it is fair, anyway.

Of the newer flat podded varieties, the *Sure Crop Wax* is one of the best. It has a long, slender pod, very tender, and without string. It will take the place of the old *Perfection Wax*.

Market gardeners and other large buyers, ask for special wholesale prices.

## Early Wonder Wax

We have grown this variety in our trial garden for two years now, and have found it worthy of a place in our catalog.

One valuable feature is its earliness. You can have beans when you are really hungry for them, and ahead of your neighbors. It is also a good yielding variety, in fact it yields as good or better than any other.

The pod is flat, medium long and a beautiful waxy yellow. With the beans placed five or six inches apart in the row, one ounce of seed will plant about twenty-five feet. Price per ounce, 10c; per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb, 35c; lb, 95c.



Round Pod Kidney Wax

## Two Splendid Bush Beans

**Round Pod Kidney Wax** is an aristocrat among the bush beans. The quality is exceptionally fine. The pods are long and slender and stringless. If you are after quality you cannot beat it. It is the bean for home use and the home market.

**Sure Crop Wax** has a long straight pod, slender and rather flat, very tender and crisp. It is decidedly in the stringless class.

## Wilson's Bush Lima

A Dependable Bush Lima Bean. Try it.

This new variety has clearly demonstrated during the past three years, since it was introduced, that it should have a permanent place among the bush limas. Its dependableness for folks in this section or further north is its greatest recommendation. Burpee's Bush Lima is all right for the south but it very rarely produces a crop here. **Wilson's Bush Lima** is early, is a large lima, a good cropper, and of just as high quality as any other large lima. The bush

stands erect and grows a well filled pod.

My advice would be to plant liberally of lima beans. Plant for use during the growing season and to supply yourself with plenty of dry beans for winter use.

**Henderson's Bush Lima** is the most prolific of all the bush limas. It is not one of the large seeded varieties but has a small, white, flat seed. It is earlier than the regular limas and bears all summer. It is the bush form of the Extra Early Pole Lima.

**Fordhook Bush Lima** is one of the best large seeded bush limas for the middle west. The pod is large and very thick and the yield is dependable. It is early enough so that it has a chance to make good. It is related to Dreer's Bush Lima, but is superior. Dreer's Bush Lima will usually make a crop but the pod is rather small, although the quality is just as good as any.

### Postpaid Prices on Beans

	Pkt.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb	lb	3 lbs
Green Podded Snap Beans—				
Black Valentine. Very early, resembles Round Pod Valentine	5	10	35	1.00
Stringless Green Pod. Very prolific and tender, round pods	5	15	45	1.25
Early Six Weeks. Early, flat pod	5	10	35	1.00
Field's First Early. Very early, large, flat pod, high quality	5	15	50	1.25
Giant Stringless Green Pod. Round pod	5	10	35	1.00
Refugee, or 1000 to 1. Late heavy yielding, round pod	5	10	35	.90
Round Pod Valentine. Very early and prolific	5	15	45	1.25
Round Pod Kidney Wax. Very highest quality. Stringless	10	15	50	1.25
Challenge Black Wax. Small round pod, prolific, very early	5	15	45	1.25
Davis' White Kidney Wax. Large, flat pod, good shelling or snap	5	10	35	1.00
Golden Wax. Medium size, flat pod, of good quality	5	15	45	1.25
New Stringless Yellow Pod. Medium size, round tender pods				Crop failure
Wardwell's Kidney Wax. Early, large, flat pod, does not rust	5	15	45	1.25
Pencil Pod Black Wax. Round pod, like Black Wax	5	10	35	1.00
Sure Crop Wax. Long, slender pod, very tender and stringless	10	15	50	1.25
Early Wonder Wax. Very early; yields heavy	10	35	95	

### Bush Varieties for Shell Beans—

<b>Wilson's Bush Lima.</b> An early, large seeded lima	10	20	60	
<b>Burpee's Bush Lima.</b> Good bean, but requires long season	5	15	45	1.25
<b>Dreer's Bush Lima.</b> Quality and yield good, bush low and spreading	5	10	35	1.00
<b>Dwarf Horticultural.</b> Shell bean	5	10	35	1.00
<b>Fordhook Bush Lima.</b> Best large-podded bush lima	5	15	50	
<b>Henderson's Bush Lima.</b> Very prolific, small bean	5	15	45	1.25
<b>Red Kidney.</b> Used as shell bean	5	10	35	.90
<b>White Kidney.</b> Similar to above but has white seeds	5	10	35	.90

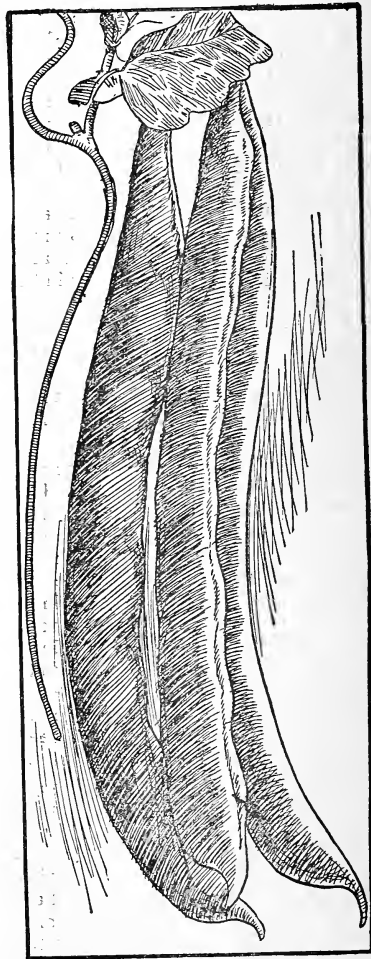
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## Green Podded Bush Beans

The general opinion is that the green podded beans are richer in flavor than the others and slightly hardier. To my mind the best of this kind is Field's First Early. It is early, has a big, broad, irregular shaped pod, is not very pretty, but its high quality makes it very popular for home use.

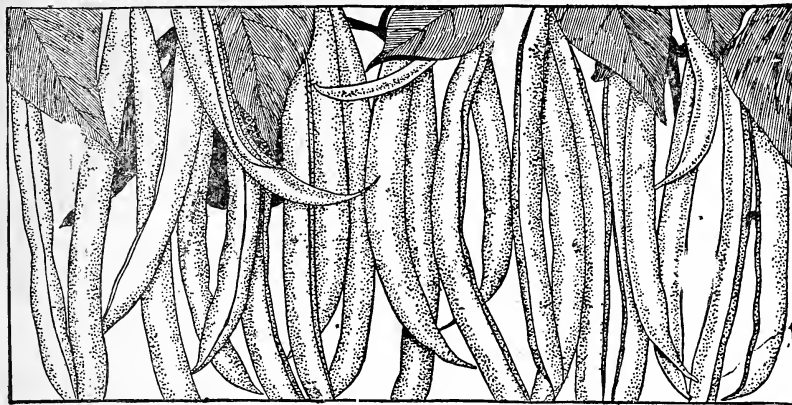
Another flat podded bean is **Early Six Weeks.** A long, straight pod, yields well, sells well, and carries well to market, but the pod is inclined to be tough unless gathered early.

Among the round pod sorts, **Stringless Green Pod** is the most popular with us. It is exceptionally tender. It is as near stringless as any bean grown. Even when the beans are well formed, the pod is stringless. It is hardy, early, and yields well.



Field's First Early

**Round Pod Valentine** has been an old standby for years. You will make no mistake in planting this bean, as in quality, yield, and earliness it will be satisfactory. I think it is the best in the Valentine class. Another is the **Black Valentine** with a round pod, some longer than Round Pod Valentine. It is early, yields well, and is a good market sort but has a strong string which some do not like.



Improved Missouri Wonder. One of the best pole beans.

## Pole Beans

Of the pole beans proper I like the *Improved Missouri Wonder* best of all. It is a variety that originated near here, in Missouri, and I secured a start of seed from some of my customers there. It is enormously prolific and so hardy that it will often come up volunteer where the seed has lain out in the ground over winter.

It will grow and bear in spite of any kind of weather, and will outyield any kind I have ever grown. Pods are light green, large and tender; stringless if picked when young.

Next to the Missouri Wonder I like the *Kentucky Wonder* best of all. It is an old variety, but hard to beat. It has a long, wrinkly pod, flat and tender, and good any time. Pods light green; bean is brown.

There is also a bean advertised as *White-Seeded Kentucky Wonder*, which we find to be the same as Burger's Stringless, but it is a good bean under either name. It is a very early and tender variety. Pods are rather small, round and straight. Probably the earliest of all pole beans, and bears continuously. Absolutely stringless.

Among the white seeded varieties is the *White Creaseback*. It does better in the south than in the north, in fact, is very popular down there. The seed being white makes a good bean for winter.

It is not without its faults, however, and we do not recommend it strongly. In its place I would suggest *White Seeded Kentucky Wonder* or *Dutch Caseknife*. The Dutch Caseknife has proved its worth and is one of the most popular white-seeded pole beans.

It bears a white, kidney shaped bean, rather flat, and is one of the best for winter use. The pod is broad and flat, about as long and wide as a case-knife blade. It is an early variety and is good for either snap beans or shelling.

One of the old favorites is *Horticultural* or *Cranberry*, which is sometimes called "Bird Egg." The bean is large and very rich flavor. It is rather late, but a heavy yielder and is better for "snaps" than for shelling. For a "corn hill" bean the *Cutshort* or *Cornhill* is more generally used than other varieties.

## Pole Lima Beans

One of the most reliable pole beans for the middle west, is the *Extra Early Lima*. It is the old fashioned "Butter Bean." Henderson's Bush Lima is the bush form of the same thing, and is also known by some as the "Butter Bean." The dry seed of both are exactly alike.

I know of nothing that will outyield this *Extra Early Lima*. The pods simply hang in clusters and bunches. The great point with this bean is that you are always sure of a crop. It bears a small white bean of good quality which for winter use is fine.

Among the large white limas, or true limas, is the *King of the Garden Lima*. For good value it has no equal except in limas in its own particular class. Sometimes it is a little late for this section and will not make a crop. If this is the case with you, grow bush limas. *Fordhook Bush Lima* is a good, early large seeded variety and *Wilson's Bush Lima* is another.

## Two New Field Beans

The Dakota farmers have been growing for some time a white bean, for winter use, that they call *Great Northern*. It is larger than the navy, rather flat, shaped something like the Case-knife pole bean, if you know what that is. Is prolific and fine for baking.

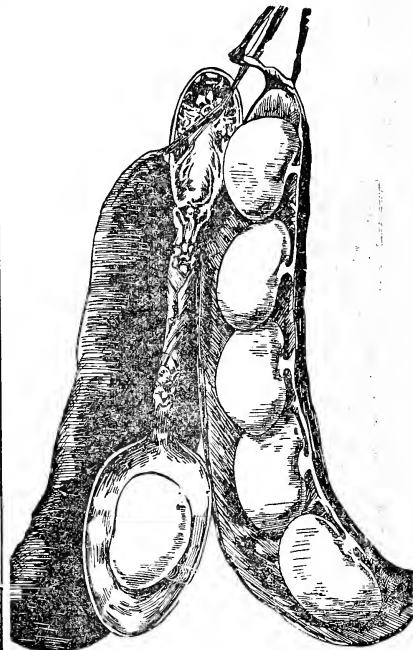
The other variety, the *Lady Washington* is a favorite among the commercial growers in Washington and the north west, where it originated. It is a white navy developed for yield and other qualities that are important to the large grower. It is far ahead of the common navy. The bush instead of spreading over the ground and allowing the beans to become damaged, stands erect. The crop ripens evenly so that there is no loss from over-ripe pods.

These two varieties are the best I know of among the field varieties or those grown for winter use. Every family should have a few as they are so easily grown and provide a most substantial and economical food. A pound of seed should produce about a bushel of beans. Write for quantity prices. **Postpaid, pkt., 5c; ¼ lb., 15c; lb., 45c; 3 lbs., \$1.20.**

## Wax Podded Pole Beans

*Kentucky Wonder Wax* is a magnificent bean. Very long, broad pods of the highest quality. There is no pole bean that produces a more handsome pod than this one.

*Golden Cluster Wax* is a white-seeded variety which is a big advantage. Quality is fine. It is a popular pole bean.



Wilson's Bush Lima

## Postpaid Prices on Pole Beans

Green Podded Pole Beans—				
	Pkt.	¼ lb	lb	3 lbs.
<i>Cutshort</i> or <i>Cornhill</i> . Short straight pod, thrifty vine, late	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Dutch Case Knife</i> . Large-podded, white-seeded, prolific	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Horticultural</i> or <i>Cranberry</i> . Medium long pod; late	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Improved Missouri Wonder</i> . Early, heavy yielder, splendid quality	5	15	50	1.25
<i>Kentucky Wonder</i> . Long pod, early	5	15	45	1.25
<i>White Creaseback</i> . Small pod, late	5	10	35	.90
<i>Lazy Wife</i> . Late except in south	5	10	35	.90
<i>White-Seeded Kentucky Wonder</i> . Medium large pod, fair yielder	5	10	35	1.00
Wax Podded Pole Beans—				
<i>Golden Cluster Wax</i> . Medium early	5	15	50	1.35
<i>Kentucky Wonder Wax</i> . Pods long and broad. Quality fine, early	5	15	50	1.35

## Postpaid Prices on Beans

Pole Lima Beans—				
	Pkt.	¼ lb	lb	3 lbs.
<i>Extra Early Lima</i> . Small yields enormously, earliest pole lima	5	15	45	1.25
<i>King Lima</i> . Large. High quality	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Seibert's Early Lima</i> . Earlier than King Lima; of high quality	5	10	35	.90

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## Table Beets

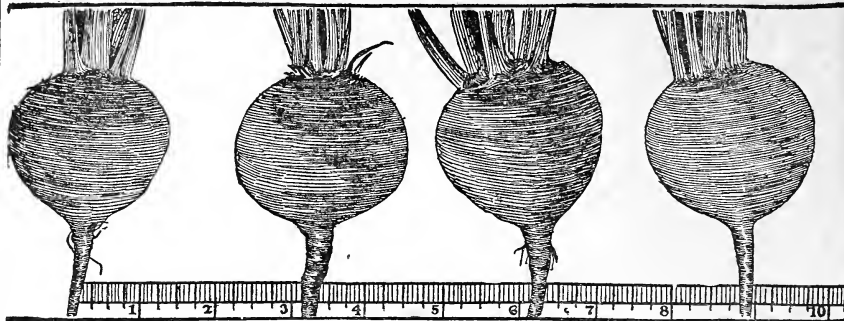
Rich soil is very important in growing beets if you want earliness and quality. For the first crop plant the seed early, as early as you can make garden. Later plantings can be made at intervals of three or four weeks. Use the beets while young. Do not allow them to stand until they are overgrown for they will be woody and of poor quality.

The varieties we list cover all types and will answer every purpose. The *Blood Turnip* is an old standard variety that has many friends. It is medium sized, with rounding top and a medium large tap root. Bright red flesh zoned with white. It is a good keeper and for winter use should be planted during the latter part of June.

Among the earlier varieties is *Eclipse* or *Extra Early Eclipse* which is probably one of the best for home use. It is round or slightly pointed in shape; early, quick growing and tender. It always sold well on the market for me. Planted late it is a good variety for winter use.

*Crosby's Egyptian* is another early variety, very tender, smooth, a small tap root and for early market is hard to beat. It has a rounding flat root, bright red flesh slightly zoned. This is an improvement on the old *Extra Early Flat Egyptian* which really is no earlier and much smaller. It is flat in shape, small tap and somewhat irregular in shape. Frankly, the name is what sells it, and my advice would be to take Crosby's instead.

Any of these varieties are all right for canning but some prefer a medium sized, globed shaped beet for this purpose. If this is what you want, take *Crimson Globe* or *Detroit Dark Red*. There is nothing prettier than either of these varieties canned whole when about half grown, and you will also find that there is nothing that will equal them in



Detroit Dark Red Beet, No. 0117

quality when put up in this way. *Crimson Globe* is a bright red in color, slightly zoned; *Detroit Dark Red* is a very dark red, both inside and outside. Either of these varieties make a handsome beet for bunching for market. For both attractiveness and quality they are hard to beat.

Another good variety for winter use and for pickling is *Long Blood*. It is extremely dark red with no zoning to speak of. It is a late variety requiring all season to mature in. It is well worth growing if you want a tender dark red beet for pickling.

### Postpaid Prices on Table Beets

	Pkt.	Oz.	1/4 lb	1 lb
<i>Blood Turnip</i> -----	10	15	40	1.15
<i>Crimson Globe</i> -----	10	15	40	1.15
<i>Crosby's Egyptian</i> -----	10	15	40	1.15
<i>Detroit Dark Red</i> -----	10	15	40	1.15
<i>Eclipse (Special Strain)</i> -----	10	15	40	1.15
<i>Extra Early Flat Egyptian</i> 5	15	35	1.00	
<i>Long Blood</i> -----	5	15	35	1.00
<i>Early Wonder</i> . Medium size smooth, very early; dark red, small tops -----	15	30		

### Special Strains of Beets

We are offering this year a special strain of *Crosby's Egyptian* and *Detroit Dark Red*. They are from a seed grower in Connecticut. We planted samples of both beside other varieties in our trial garden and they made a remarkable showing.

No use for new varieties when old varieties can be developed as these have been. The old New England hills may have something to do with the quality and earliness of these beets but I am inclined to believe the seed grower is mostly responsible.

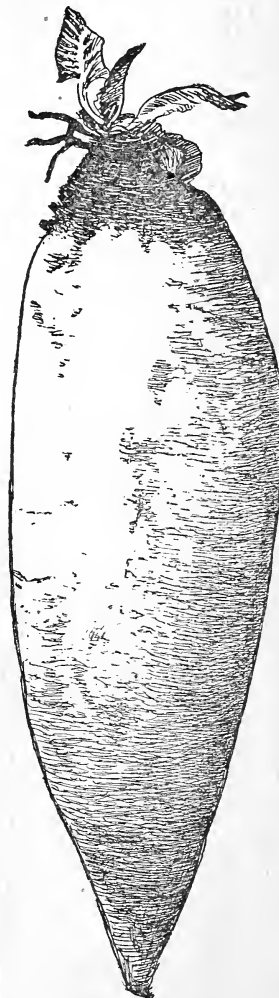
*Crosby's Egyptian, Stock 0116.* This is a very early beet, a bright red, and quality fine. Do not allow beets to stand in the garden until they are overgrown and become hard and woody. Make two or more plantings and use them while they are young and tender.

*Detroit Dark Red, Stock 0117.* Very early, medium small, globe shape with dark red skin and a bright red flesh. Pull a mess of them early in the season while they are young, cook thoroughly and season with butter, salt, and pepper, and serve with white sauce.

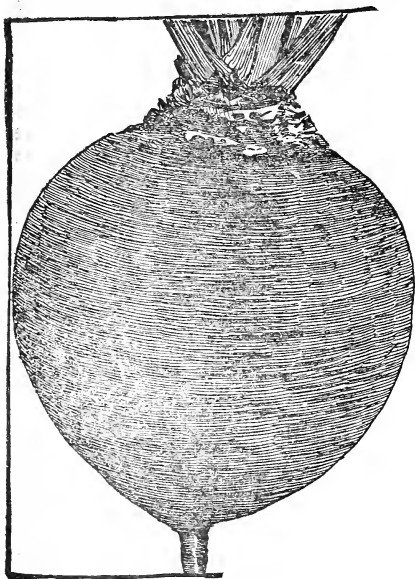
Price per packet, 15c; ounce, 30c; 1/4 lb, 75c, postpaid. Be sure and mention the stock number following the name.

## Stock Beets or Mangel Wurzels

Some people call them cow beets, but then whatever name you call them, they are certainly a very profitable crop to grow, especially for the dairy farmer. Still, I don't know as they are more necessary to the dairy farmer than they are to the general stock farmer, for all kinds of stock will eat them readily. Hogs will now thrive on them pretty nearly as well



Giant Sludstrup Stock Beet



Eclipse Beet

Market gardeners and other large buyers, ask for special wholesale prices.

## (Stock Beets Con't.)

as on alfalfa and sheep will just about live on them all winter. They yield enormously. I don't suppose you would believe me if I told you what they actually yield, but it is a fact that I took 12 tons of them off of a quarter of an acre once. That, of course, is an extra heavy yield, but it is no trick at all to raise thirty tons per acre of them. They are not hard to grow at all. Plant the seed in April or the first of May in rows any convenient width. They should be thinned out to about ten inches apart in the row. About room to get a hoe between plants. As they grow almost entirely above ground, they are very easily harvested. They should be left to stand until there is frost enough to kill the leaves, but before hard freezing, strip off the leaves, pick them up and haul them in. They can be stored in any ordinary cave, cellar or root house, just so they are safe from hard freezing, and fed all winter. Use about 12 lbs. of seed per acre. Seeds can be put in by hand, but a drill is better. The **Mammoth Long Red** is the best known of any. It is very large and tall, yields well and is easily handled. The **Giant Feeding Sugar** looks like a cross between the sugar beet and the stock beet, but grows well out of the ground like stock beets and yields well. It is white in color and quite rich, rather oval in shape. Stood third in yield for us, following **Sludstrup** and **Long Red**. There's really no great choice of varieties of these stock beets. They will any of them, yield enough, if given good soil and good care and there's not much difference in feeding value.

The **Golden Tankard** is deep yellow in color, rather a squared oval in shape, and sets entirely on top of the ground.

The picture below shows how these beets grow. This field made over 40 tons per acre, some weighing as high as 24 pounds.



**Mammoth Long Red Mangel**  
Topped Ready for Harvesting.

**Mangels for Chickens**

While mangels are fine for cattle, horses, pigs and sheep, they are just as good for chickens. Feed them either cooked or raw. Store them in a pit or cave so that they will keep fresh and feed them right along. Cut the mangels in chunks and let the chickens pick them to pieces. And for dairy cows there is nothing better. Denmark is the greatest dairying country on earth and mangels are their chief feed. She cannot grow corn, so they grow root crops, mangels, carrots and turnips, and the world is their market for butter and cheese, large quantities of it being imported into this country. Take a lesson from the Danish farmer.

**Postpaid Prices on Stock Beets**

	Oz	1/4 lb	1/2 lb	3 lbs
<b>Giant Feeding Sugar.</b> Rich in protein and sugar; good size	5	20	60	1.50
<b>Golden Tankard Mangel.</b> Medium size, easily harvested	5	20	60	1.50
<b>Genuine Sugar Beet.</b> Formerly Klein's Wanzleben	5	15	45	1.25
<b>Mammoth Long Red Mangel.</b> Yields enormously, large and long	10	25	90	2.00
<b>Giant Sludstrup.</b> Very high feeding value; yields heavy	10	25	90	2.00

**Table Carrots**

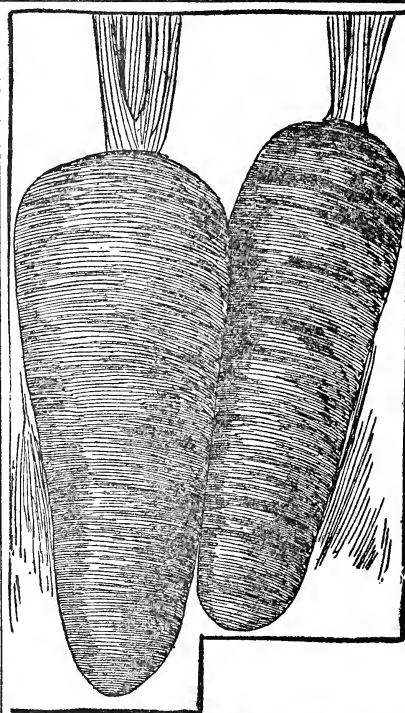
The most popular variety for garden use is the **Oxheart**, which is an early, short, thick carrot of fine quality. Very popular for bunching when small. Deep orange color, thick side meat and very little core.

Another just as good in every way and just as early is the **Chantenay**. In fact, I think it is a little earlier than the Oxheart. It is a trifle longer, very smooth and free from side roots, and the quality is fine.

If you would prefer a larger variety, one that will yield better, you will probably be suited with **Danver's Half Long**.

It is a larger carrot than either of the above, has more of a pointed root, but the quality is just as good. It is the celebrated carrot of the eastern markets and is grown in great quantities in Connecticut for the New York markets.

The **Long Orange** is rather a long, smooth carrot, as its name would indicate. Color a deeper orange than most other table varieties. The quality is exceptionally fine. It will not yield quite as heavy as the Danver's Half Long. The varieties of carrots used for stock feeding are larger, later and coarser than the table varieties and make a much larger yield. Most popular varieties are **White Vosges** and **Yellow Belgian**. **White Vosges** is also listed under the name of Improved Short White. It is a short, heavy carrot, makes splendid yields and is easily harvested. The **Yellow Belgian** is a much lighter shade of yellow than the table varieties. Will



**Table Carrot, Danver's Half Long**

grow from a foot to 16 inches long and makes a heavy yield. It seems to be a little more popular than White Vosges, but why I do not know, as we find the yield and feeding value practically the same.

**Postpaid Prices on Carrot Seed**

	Pkt.	Oz.	1/4 lb	1/2 lb
<b>Chantenay.</b> Early and tender, medium size	10	15	45	1.25
<b>Danver's Half Long.</b> Yields well, good quality	10	15	45	1.25
<b>Long Orange.</b> Late, very tender	5	15	45	1.25
<b>Oxheart.</b> Short, stump root, early	10	15	45	1.25
<b>White Belgian.</b> Pointed; for stock	5	10	25	.75
<b>White Vosges.</b> Late stock carrot	5	10	25	.75
<b>Yellow Belgian.</b> Like White Belgian	5	10	25	.75

**Old Fashioned Groundcherry**

I am just old fashioned enough that I like **Groundcherries**, the **sweet yellow kind**, and I am sure lots of you will agree with me. We have had considerable trouble in the past to get a supply of seed, but we have a nice lot of it now, good seed, and can fix you out.

There is a big purple kind, called "**Improved**", but like lots of improvements it is not worth much, and I don't like it, and won't have it. What I want is the old fashioned yellow sweet kind, that comes up volunteer every year after once started.

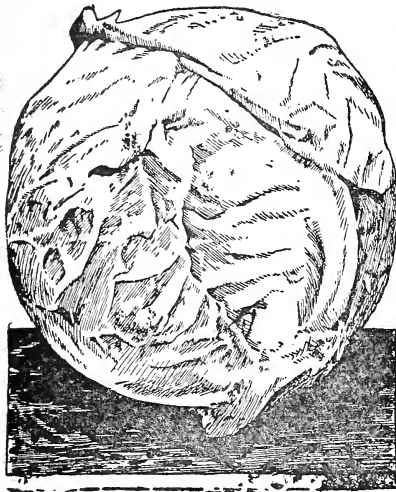
The seed is small and should be planted carefully and shallow. We like best to start them in hot bed or box and transplant like tomatoes. The seed are slow to start but come good in time. There is good money raising the plants to sell. Everybody wants them. Price, **pkt., 10c; oz., 50c.**

Market gardeners and other large buyers, ask for special wholesale prices.

## New Early Cabbage

### The Norseman.

I have always insisted that there was nothing better than Early Jersey Wakefield and All Head Early for early cabbage. But the Danish gardener who grows my Danish Ballhead winter cabbage for me sent me a sample of early cabbage seed and a long letter about it. He wrote that he had the other cabbage growers in Denmark beat on early



The Norseman.

cabbage and that he was sure it would beat anything that we had in America.

I tried the sample and found it to be all he claimed. It is not much if any, earlier than Early Jersey Wakefield, but it certainly is as early, almost twice as large, rounded instead of pointed shape, very solid and slow to burst (you know the top flies off a Wakefield about the next twenty-four hours after it gets solid). It differs from All-Head in that it is deeper up and down, at least a week earlier and has round, close-fitting leaves like Wakefield which fold in rather than turn out.

It is much harder than All Head and will stand more cold weather and more hardship at all times. We gave it the name of *Norseman*. We checked up carefully all the standard varieties of cabbage in our trial grounds. The first cutting of cabbage is always the one that pays best.

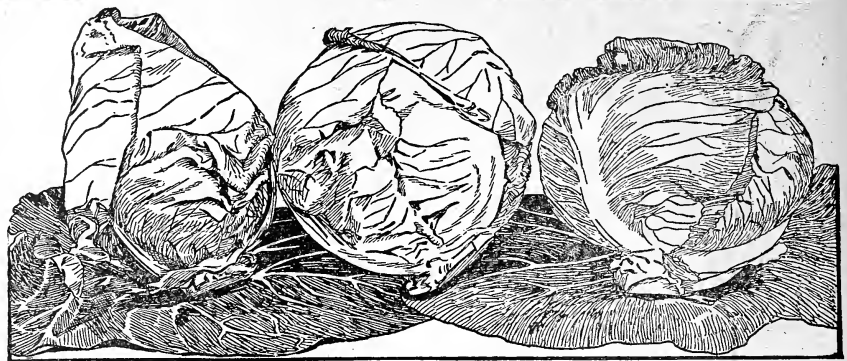
In the first cutting *Norseman* showed 45 per cent of the heads ready for market. Early Jersey Wakefield of the best strain showed 38 per cent ready. Early Spring showed 20 per cent ready and All Head Early none ready yet.

Price, pkt., 15c; oz., 60c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$1.75.

## Early Cabbage

I consider the *Norseman* the best of all varieties of early cabbage. You will find it fully described elsewhere.

Of the standard varieties I would place first of all the *Early Jersey Wakefield*. In my experience I have



Early Jersey Wakefield

The Norseman

All Head Early

## The Three Best Early Cabbage

found it the best of all the standard early kinds and it has held its place at the head of all the list for a quarter of a century. It is a fair size, sometimes weighing as high as six or eight pounds on extra rich soil; pointed or conical in shape; very early and almost sure to head. The leaves are slightly thicker than most other varieties and seem to stand the frost exceedingly well. As the leaves are small it can be planted as close as a foot apart in rows.

There are a few varieties which are possibly a little earlier than this, such as *Etampes*, *Express*, *Lightning*, and other extra early varieties, but they are all in my experience either too small or too soft to be of much use. The *Norseman* has the same thick, smooth leaves as the *Wakefield*, but the head is round or globe-shaped instead of pointed and is larger or heavier than *Wakefield*.

The *Charleston Wakefield* or large *Wakefield* is simply a large selection from the true Early Jersey *Wakefield*, and is similar in every way, except being a little larger and a little later. *Early Winningstadt* is pointed like the *Wakefield*, but not nearly so early. It is an old favorite, but has been largely superseded by the *Wakefield*.

The *Copenhagen*, introduced from Denmark, is quite early and a good size. The head would be described more as round than flat. It is just about perfect globe-shaped; but in season it follows right after *Wakefield*. It is of the same general class as the *Norseman*. It is very highly spoken of and is one of the leading varieties.

The largest of all the flat-headed type of early cabbage is the *All Head Early*. It is perhaps a week later than Early Jersey *Wakefield*, but grows to be larger and stands longer without bursting. It has a flat or slightly rounded head like the big late cabbage, and practically equals them in size. I have raised them to weigh 17 pounds each, remarkably sure to head and great money-maker under all conditions. This variety is also used as a late cabbage by planting it late.

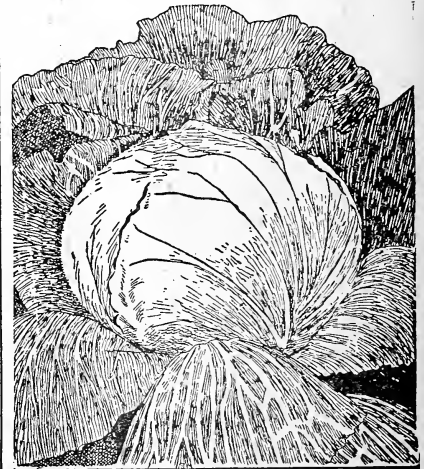
*Henderson's Early Summer* is similar to the *All Head Early*, but not quite so large and possibly a trifle later. *Early Flat Dutch* is also a very similar

variety. In fact, there is very little to choose between these three, but I consider the *All Head Early* the best of the group.

Of all the mid-season or intermediate varieties of cabbage, I know of none that is any nearer perfection than *Danish Summer Ballhead*. *Glory of Enkhuizen* is as good but no better. In fact, I think the two are about the same thing.

### Postpaid Prices on Cabbage Seed

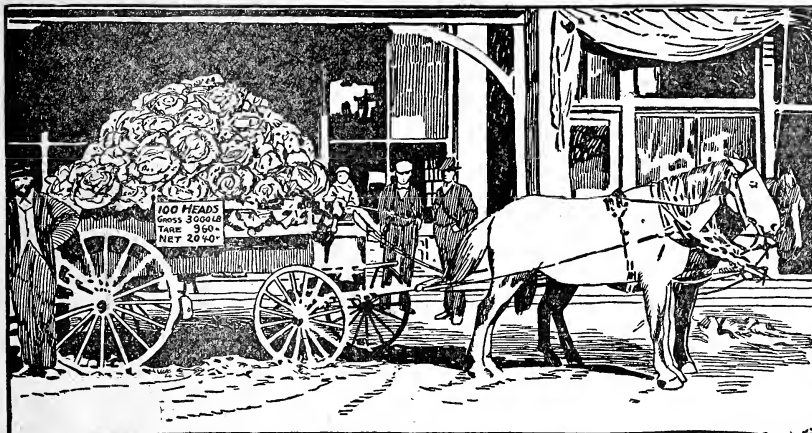
Early and Second Early—	Pkt.	Oz.	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
<i>All Head Early</i> . Large flat heads, full in center, second early	10	40	1.25
<i>All Seasons</i> . Mid-summer or late	5	25	
<i>Charleston or Large Wakefield</i> .			
Follows Jersey <i>Wakefield</i>	10	40	
<i>Copenhagen Market</i> . Early, medium, large round heads	10	40	
<i>Danish Summer Ballhead</i> . Very hard, round heads	10	40	
<i>Early Flat Dutch</i> . Mid-season, flat	5	25	
<i>Early Jersey Wakefield</i> . Extreme early, pointed heads	10	40	1.25
<i>Extra Early Jersey Wakefield</i> . Still earlier than above but some smaller	15	60	
<i>Glory of Enkhuizen</i> . Medium early, globe-shaped head	5	25	
<i>Early Winningstadt</i> . Medium early, pointed heads	5	25	
<i>Henderson's Early Summer</i> . Flat head, medium size	5	25	
<i>Norseman</i> . Early round heads, best early cabbage grown	15	60	1.75



Cabbage, All Head Early

Very large, fairly early, and good quality. Pkt., 10c; oz., 40c.

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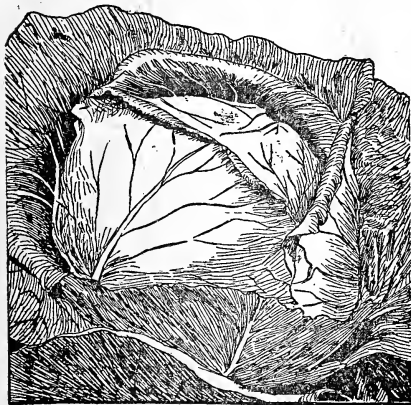
This is a bonafide picture of a load of *Surehead* Cabbage grown by me when I was market gardening. I used it in some of first catalogues I printed and that has been a good many years ago. We are still selling this same strain of *Surehead*—just as good as it ever was—so I believe this picture is good yet.

## Late Cabbage

My late cabbage seed is all American grown except the *Hollander*. You may find seed that will cost you more a pound, but you cannot get any better seed, no matter what price you pay. I do not, as some seedsmen do, tack my name to every variety and charge you two or three prices on the strength of it. I don't believe in that way of doing business. The list elsewhere consists of mostly standard well-known sorts and ones I have grown myself for market. I know them to be all right, and I have the best strains of them to be had.

There is a world of varieties of cabbage, but really there are more varieties listed in the catalogs than there are different kinds of cabbage and the average gardener does not need over a half dozen of these. I have tried to cut my list down to varieties that are distinct, where they are similar I tell you so. I hope these candid and sensible descriptions will appeal to you.

I have the best luck with the late cabbage by drilling the seed right in the field where the plants are to stand, and then thinning it out afterwards instead of transplanting. I drill it about the first of June with an ordinary garden drill, using a pound of seed to the acre,



Cabbage, *Surehead*

but it can be dropped by hand in hills, about six or eight seeds in a place, if you prefer. When about three weeks old thin down to a stand.

The best known and most widely grown of all the late cabbage is the *Premium Late Flat Dutch*. It is the best strain of the popular *Flat Dutch* type, makes large, flat heads, vigorous growers and good keepers. The *Large American Drumhead* is very similar, but is sometimes coarse, always very large, not so uniform nor so fine quality.

The *Surehead* is one of the best all-round cabbages grown. It is large, solid, deeper and heavier than the *Flat Dutch*, and is fine grained and keeps well for winter use. Certain to head. The main difference between this and the *Premium Late Flat Dutch* is that the *Surehead* is about a week earlier, rounder on top and generally finer quality.

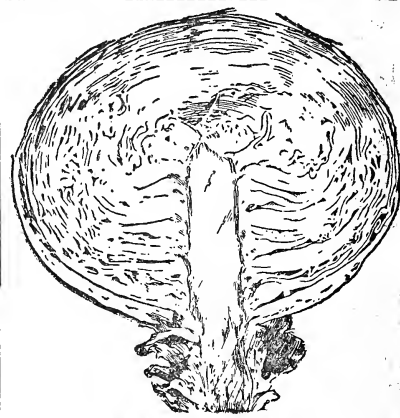
In the northern states the *Hollander* or *Danish Ballhead* is very popular. It is grown especially in the great cabbage regions of Michigan and New York. Not over large, but very solid and is said to keep until the cabbage comes again. It does not seem to be a success south of Iowa, but anywhere north is all right. I import my seed of this variety direct from Denmark, and have the true type. We use the "Short-stem" strain which is used almost exclusively by large growers.

Probably the best winter variety, all things considered is the *Corn Belt Cabbage*, especially for the central states. I have always made cabbage a leading market crop and have been convinced of the necessity of some variety suited to the climatic conditions of the central west than of any of the known sorts. Our location is about the center of what is known as the "corn belt", and in majority of years the season is against a successful crop of late cabbage. We generally have plenty of rain in June to get the plants started, but have to fight for it the rest of the summer. If they can hold out until rain comes in September or October, we are sure of a crop. What is wanted is a late cabbage that is hardy enough to stand the ad-

verse conditions during the late summer and then make a big solid head in the fall, and that is what I think I can offer you. It is some like *Surehead* but larger and a little earlier. It does not rot as easily and will stand more handling. It is typically a rough-and-ready western product and has the true get-there spirit. If you have become discouraged trying to grow late cabbage of the eastern sorts, try this one. I would also suggest that you plant the seed right where you want the plants to stand. This saves the cost of transplanting which is no small item. Also the risk in transplanting which sometimes means the loss of a crop.

### Postpaid Prices on Late Cabbage Seed

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb
<i>Cornbelt</i>	10	40	1.25
<i>Hollander or Danish Ballhead</i>	10	40	1.25
<i>Mammoth Red Rock</i>	5	25	
<i>Large American Drumhead</i>	5	25	
<i>Premium Flat Dutch</i>	10	40	
<i>Savoy</i>	5	25	
<i>Succession</i>	5	25	
<i>Surehead</i>	10	40	1.25



Cabbage, *Dala*

### A New Giant Cabbage

I have wanted, for a long time, to find an extra large cabbage that would produce good solid heads. Not the big loose stock cabbage that are mostly a bunch of leaves, but a really big solid head.

It is round in shape, with leaves closely overlapping. It originated in northern Sweden in a rugged climate, where their seasons are short. The quality is fine and the heads will stand a long time without bursting.

If you are looking for a large variety to exhibit at the fair, or something bigger than your neighbor has, this is the variety. Price per pkt., 15c; oz. 60c.

### Chinese Cabbage

The heads are about a foot long and three or four inches in diameter. They are not as solid as cabbage, still are firm and will weigh trimmed, a couple of pounds each. It can be used any way that cabbage or cauliflower can or as lettuce is used. It is very tender and mild in flavor. Plant same time you do your late turnips. Full cultural instructions with each package. Price per packet, 5c; oz., 35c.

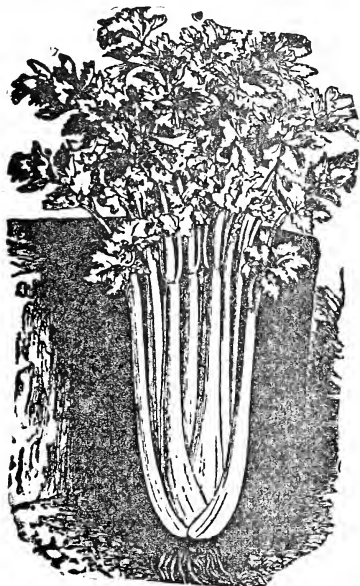
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## Celery

If you want really first class celery grow it yourself. There is no vegetable that grows tough, stale and tasteless so quick, when shipped and offered for sale at the stores as does celery.

Many people do not know what good celery is simply because they have always depended on this kind for their supply, and have never tasted good, crisp, tender celery, fresh from the garden.

It is not hard to grow. We will send you a booklet telling you just how we do it. Ordinary garden soil will grow it and furnish you just as fine quality as you could wish for. We list three well known standard varieties, the *Golden Self Bleaching*, *White Plume*, and *Giant Pascal*.



### Celery—Golden Self Bleaching

A prominent authority on celery growing states that fully 85 per cent of the celery grown in this country is the *Golden Self Bleaching* and *White Plume* and that 75 per cent of the commercial crop offered is the *Golden Self Bleaching*. This does not speak very well for the balance of a long list of about two hundred varieties listed by the different seedsmen of this country.

And speaking the other way about it is a splendid recommendation for *Golden Self Bleaching* and *White Plume*, which, all things considered, are hard to beat.

*Golden Self Bleaching* is the most popular of the three varieties we list and as stated, furnishes 75 per cent of the commercial crop. It ships well, looks well, is easily grown, and the quality is good. It is golden yellow in color, easily bleaching to a creamy white.

*White Plume* comes next in importance and is an early variety, earlier than *Golden Self Bleaching*, and bleaches to a pure white. For an early crop this is a good one, with the quality possibly a little ahead of *Golden Self Bleaching*.

If you are not going to store for winter use either of these varieties are the ones you should use. Neither of them will keep well for winter use. *Golden Self Bleaching*, it is stated, can be carried into early winter, but I am inclined to believe it would be best to grow a variety specially adapted for this purpose. *Giant Pascal* is the best in this class. It is a rank grower, hardy, disease resistant, but is not ready for use until stored when it will produce celery of the finest quality.

### Postpaid Prices on Celery Seed

American Grown—	Pkt. Oz.	¼ lb
<i>Giant Pascal</i> . Large, late variety	5	25 .85
<i>Golden Self Bleaching</i> . A creamy white, easy to bleach	10	50 1.75
<i>White Plume</i> . Tender, delicate flavor	10	40 1.25

## Cauliflower

Someone has said that "Cauliflower is cabbage with a college education." Anyway, it is very similar to cabbage in manner of growth, and requires the same culture. It cannot stand hot, dry weather, so should be started as early as possible, and handled like early cabbage. The best seed is all imported, coming from Denmark.

The earliest of all the standard varieties everywhere is the *Early Snowball*. It is small, very early, pure white, and always sure to head. Can be set very close together. This is the kind always used for growing under glass.

Among professional gardeners or truckers, probably the most popular is the *Early Dwarf Erfurt*. It is not quite so early as *Snowball*, but larger and heavier. It is very short stemmed and not inclined to become leggy, as some varieties do.

If you have had trouble growing cauliflower, it might be well for you to try the *Dry Weather* or *Copenhagen*, for it seems to be able to stand all kinds of grief and will come nearer carrying through the hot weather than any other I have ever seen.

### Prices of Cauliflower

	Pkt.	¼ Oz.	Oz.
<i>Dry Weather</i> (Copenhagen)	20	.75	2.50
<i>Earliest Dwarf Erfurt</i>	15	.75	2.50
<i>Early Snowball</i>	20	.75	2.50



Early Snowball Cauliflower

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## Egg Plant

This is a vegetable that should be more largely grown. People who have eaten it are always calling for it. There is no other vegetable that quite equals it when properly prepared for the table.

Plant and tend the same as peppers and it is just as easy to get a crop, except that flea beetles and other insects are hard on it, but you can easily get ahead of them with a good insect powder or tobacco dust which they are not particularly fond of.

The most popular and best known variety is the *New York Purple*, which is a good sized smooth variety, shaped something like a pear. The fruit is dark purple but not as dark as the *Black Beauty*. This one is almost black. It is also larger and earlier.

There is still another variety, the *Early Long Purple*, earlier than *Black Beauty*, but much smaller. The fruits are rather long in shape and considering its size I do not strongly recommend it, for it is not enough earlier to make up for the small fruit it produces.

To some it is puzzling to know when egg plants are ready to use. You can use them any time after they are one-third grown. Under ordinary conditions they should be a little larger than a pint cup at this time.

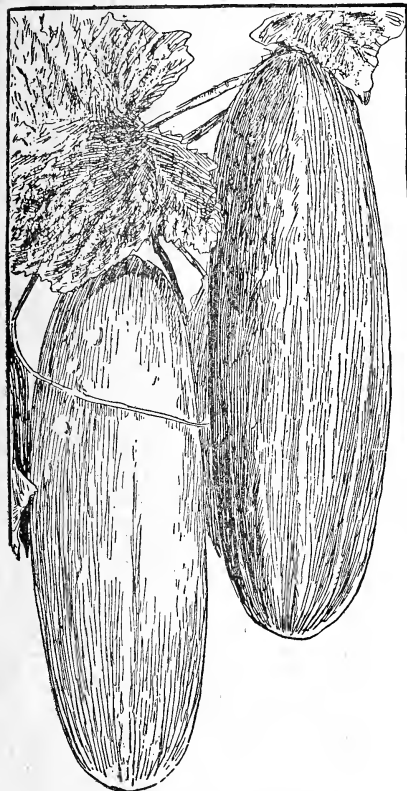
	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Black Beauty</i> . Earliest large variety, rich, glossy skin	10	40
<i>Early Long Purple</i> . Small and early	5	30
<i>New York Purple</i> . Good size, pear shape; very popular	10	40

### Cooking Egg Plant

Lots of people are puzzled to know how to cook Egg Plant. We peel it; slice it in thick slices, and soak in salt water, then fry like veal cutlets in egg and cracker crumbs.

## Cucumbers

Cucumbers should have rich soil, the richer the better, but will do well anywhere. If they can make a quick growth they are more likely to keep out of the way of bugs. Plant about as early as you would corn and put in plenty of seed. After the bugs are through with them, thin out so as to leave each vine plenty of room. Don't crowd them. That is what makes them get knobby and crooked sometimes. When they start to bear, keep them picked, as vines will stop bearing if the cucumbers are left on. Use tobacco dust for bugs. Cucumbers are generally classified as



Evergreen Cucumbers

slicers and picklers. Picklers are more prolific than slicers, bear abundantly and do not grow as large. This is just what you want. Pick them whenever they reach the size you like. Do not pull them off, but cut the stem with a knife or a pair of shears. After they reach a size for the table the seed cavity is large and the seed hard.

The slicers, or those for table use, are meatier, have fewer seeds and are larger and much better flavored. Some varieties, to an extent, combine the desirable qualities of both classes, but it is unreasonable to expect the best in both in the same cucumber.

The nearest we have to an all purpose variety is the *Evergreen*. It is first of all a pickler, but will grow a very nice medium sized cucumber for table use. A dark green in color, and, while small, makes fine pickles. It is one of our

heaviest sellers. There is another splendid variety that is used a great deal as an all purpose variety and that is the *Long Green* or Improved Long Green, as some catalog it.

If you want a long, slender pickle, this will answer, although it does not yield as many as the regular pickle varieties. As a slicer, it is a long, dark green, almost seedless variety, that is excellent for home use or will carry well to market. A cross between the Long Green and White Spine is the *Davis Perfect*, which has made a big reputation as a forcing variety, and is also good to grow in the open. It does not yield as heavy as the Long Green but is a beautiful cucumber, and if you want something fancy in a slicer this is the one. A splendid variety is a cross between the Emerald and the Extra Early White Spine, the *Henderson's Perfected White Spine*. This one inherits from the Emerald the fancy dark green color and from the other parent, earliness, heavy bearing and high quality. Our grower in Colorado has a larger acreage in of this one than any other variety on the list. As a heavy and continuous bearer of the finest slicers you could wish for, it has no equal, and we strongly recommend it.

Among the slicers, the White Spine type is the most popular. There is a big family of them and the name has been used for everything from a scrubby, good for nothing stock, to the very highest quality in slicing or table varieties. For our White Spine we use the Arlington strain. It is early, of good quality, is a good shipper, and has been an old standby for a long time. It is medium length, tapering, and shades to a lighter green at the end.

*Cool and Crisp* is another one of the big family and is a long, slender cucumber, but you don't need it as long as you can get the Arlington strain, or what is much better still, the Henderson's Perfected White Spine.

*White Pearl*, or as some call it, White Wonder, is an oddity in cucumbers, being a creamy white of good quality and makes a very nice, medium sized cucumber. *Goliath* is a good slicer but a shy bearer, and is of immense size, very often 18 inches long.

Among the varieties grown especially for pickles, we have the Evergreen mentioned above, which is a good one, good for Dills or smaller sizes; the *Everbearing*, a short early sort that make beautiful little pickles and bears well. Then there is the *Chicago Pickle*, one of the most popular in the country. As is the case with any good, well known variety there are a large number of strains which vary a little or not at all from the original. There is no sense in listing more than one of them, so we have picked out what is considered the best strain. It is a variety developed by pickle factories.

There are a number of early varieties which can be used for either slicers or picklers. They should however, be planted mostly for the first early mess of slicers. It is mighty nice to have a

few on your own vines when the grocer is charging from ten to twenty-five cents for spongy, shipped in slicers.

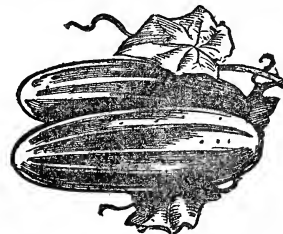
*Early Russian* is rather small but in common with all these extra early varieties, it turns yellow quickly and should be used while comparatively small.

I think *Early Cluster* is probably the best in this class, to be used as a slicer, or if planted late it is good to cut pickles from. When ready for the table it is from three to five inches long and makes a good slicer.

The variety of cucumber to choose depends on what you want it for. The same cucumber that would be fine for pickles might be comparatively worthless for slicers, and many of the varieties making good slicers are too shy bearers to be valuable for picklers, so in order to get what you want, you should grow from two to three or possibly four varieties.

### Postpaid Prices on Cucumbers

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb	lb
<i>Chicago Pickle. Short pickling sort</i> .....	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Cool and Crisp. Early strain of White Spine</i> .....	5	15	40	1.25
<i>Davis Perfect. Long green slicer</i> .....	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Early Cluster. Short, good slicer</i> .....	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Early Russian. Early and short, good pickle</i> .....	5	15	40	1.25
<i>Emerald. Large, late slicing, dark green</i> .....	5	15	40	1.25
<i>Evergreen. Med. size, good all purpose variety</i> .....	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Everbearing. Short. Early Russian Superior</i> .....	10	15	40	1.25
<i>Goliath. Very large, late variety</i> .....	5	15	40	1.25
<i>Henderson's Perfected White Spine. Medium early, prolific, fine slicer</i> .....	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Long Green. Large, long slicer</i> .....	10	20	50	1.50
<i>White Pearl. Medium size, good for slicing</i> .....	5	15	40	1.25
<i>White Spine. Medium long slicer, good cropper</i> .....	10	15	50	1.50



### Henderson's Perfected White Spine A Profitable Crop

For the small market garden, or the big one either for that matter, I don't know of any crop that pays better than cucumbers. I sold over \$100 worth last summer off of less than one-tenth acre in my home garden. I planted Henderson's Perfected very early, on rich, fall plowed land, rather thick in rows 6 ft. apart, then later thinned them to 2 ft. apart in the row. I sold them as slicers at 10c to 15c each for about three weeks until the market broke, then sold them as picklers at 75c a 100.

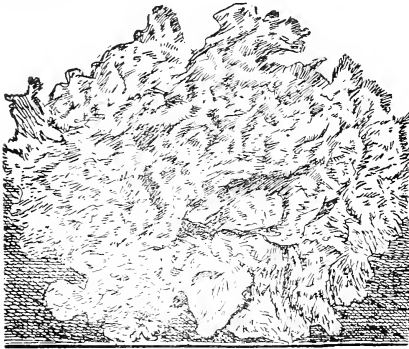
This variety makes beautiful slicers, and always outsells anything else on the market. We picked them every other day for six weeks.

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## Lettuce

Probably the most popular variety of all for early use is the *Simpson*, or, as it is generally called, *Black Seeded Simpson*. It does not make a true head, but a loose, fluffy bunch of tender light green or creamy leaves. It is of delicate flavor and grows very quickly.

If you prefer a smooth-leaved, or cabbage leaved variety of lettuce that is extra early, you should use *May King*. It is the earliest and most tender of cabbage-head varieties, and if well tended on rich ground, will make a true head almost as solid as a cabbage head. The outer leaves are light green, slightly tinged with brown, and the inner leaves are creamy yellow. Fine, rich, buttery flavor.



**Black Seeded Simpson**  
A splendid loose leaf variety.

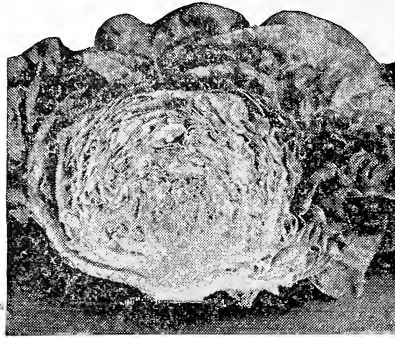
Another good head lettuce is the *Hanson*, although it does not make a true head like the cabbage variety. Leaves are curly and tender and form a loose head large as an early cabbage.

Some people prefer a red or brown lettuce. The best one of that color is the *Prize Head*, which is about the same as *Simpson*, except for color, which is a mixture of red and green. The leaves are very thin and tender. This is one that is sometimes called "Beef-steak" or "All Cream."

In the true cabbage head of smooth-leaved lettuce there is the *May King*, which I have already mentioned, *California Cream Butter*, which closely resembles *May King*, and the *Big Boston*. The *Big Boston* is probably the best of all the smooth-leaved head varieties. It makes a flat, smooth head, about the shape of Flat Dutch cabbage. The leaves are very thick and rich in flavor.

The southern growers who plant lettuce in the fall or winter for early shipment north, use this variety.

Still another head variety is *Hartford Bronze Head*. This is a little larger than the *California Cream Butter* and for quality there is absolutely nothing on the list that will beat it. The color is against it for market, it resembling *Prize Head* in this respect. If you are fond of lettuce and want something exceptionally good for your own table, be sure and grow some of this splendid variety.



**New York or Wonderful**

The best head variety for home use is the *Iceberg*. It is also grown quite extensively in a commercial way. It is a large variety forming a compact head, very tender and sweet. To grow good head lettuce start the seed early, in the house or a hot-bed. Transplant later to the garden a foot apart each way, on rich soil, and cultivate often to hold the moisture. Follow these instructions and you can have good head lettuce.

The commercial growers, out in the western states especially, plant the *New York or Wonderful*. The heads are large, compact, and quality fine. This is the variety found on sale at grocery stores. Plant very early or start in the house and transplant.

For greenhouse use there is nothing better than *Grand Rapids*. *May King*, and *California Cream Butter* also force well and are good as head lettuce, but *Grand Rapids* is away ahead in the lead as a forcing variety. Heads loose, leaves very curly, and is desirable for garnishing on this account. The strain I have is especially used for forcing. A peculiarity is a very hard shell on the seed, making it difficult to germinate, and often a poor stand is the result. It should be planted thick and handled carefully for this reason. An entirely distinct type known as *Cos Lettuce* is extensively grown in Europe, but little known here. We have an excellent strain, the *White-Heart Cos*. If grown right it has a rich, buttery flavor that is hardly equaled by any other variety. When plants get good size tie top leaves together so it will bleach and be tender.

## Other Salad Crops

Lettuce is the universal salad but there are several other plants used for this purpose and nice for a change.

*Endive*, sometimes called German lettuce, is something like lettuce, but more bitter. The heads are tied up and bleached like *Cos* lettuce.

*Chinese Cabbage* is half way between cabbage and mustard. It makes a nice, crisp head if tied up, and is really good eating. Tastes like a mild mustard.

*Swiss Chard* is used more for greens to cook, but is often used as a salad. It grows like beet tops.

We can furnish any of these at 5c per packet.

## How to Grow Head Lettuce

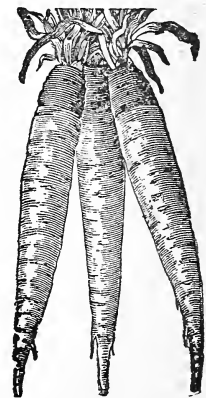
Plant the seed early. Plant on rich soil. Give plenty of room. Cultivate frequently to conserve the moisture, or if you are fixed to do so, irrigate. There it all is in a "nutshell." Anyone can grow head lettuce if they will observe the above.

Late planting will produce head lettuce but it is so much easier to grow if planted early so it will mature before hot, dry summer weather.

Plant in the open just as soon as you can make garden, or better yet, plant late in the fall, and the seed will come up fine in the spring.

### Postpaid Prices

Head Lettuce—	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb	lb
<i>Big Boston</i> . Large, butter head, good shipper	10	15	45	1.35
<i>Bronze Head</i> . High quality	10	15	45	1.35
<i>California Cream Butter</i> . Smooth leaf and small head, fine quality	10	15	45	1.35
<i>Hanson</i> . Cabbage head type; good summer variety	10	15	45	1.35
<i>Iceberg</i> . Crisp head variety; large	10	20	50	1.50
<i>May King</i> . Early, butter-head type	10	15	45	1.35
<i>New York or Wonderful</i> . Dark green, solid head	15	25	75	2.50
<i>White Heart Cos</i> . Elongated head, medium size	5	15	40	1.25
<i>Loose Leaf Lettuce—</i>				
<i>Black Seeded Simpson</i> . Large early loose head	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Grand Rapids</i> . Good forcing bunching variety.				
Very pretty	10	15	45	1.35
<i>Prizehead</i> . Reddish brown leaves. Quality fine, bunching	10	20	50	1.50



## Salsify or Vegetable Oyster

Why don't you grow salsify? It is one of the most delicious and nutritious of vegetables and should be more generally cultivated for use in winter when the supply of really good vegetables is so limited. It has the really true oyster flavor, and makes a delicious and inexpensive substitute for them to be used in soup, etc. *Mammoth Sandwich Island* average fully double size of old Long White. The roots are white, smooth and, notwithstanding their enormous size, of superior quality. Postpaid price, per pkt., 10c; oz., 20c; ¼ lb, 65c.

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Baby Golden

## Popcorn

A couple of boys I know had a vacant lot planted to Baby Golden popcorn, and they raised 500 pounds, which they sold at 5c per pound, clearing them just \$25. Now, wouldn't you like to do that? Popcorn should be planted just like field corn, only a little thicker.

There are several varieties but the ones that have done the best for me are Baby Golden, Little Giant, Monarch White Rice and Queen's Golden. **Baby Golden** is the daintiest, prettiest little ear you ever saw. It is not only pretty but it pops fine. There are no hard hulls and every grain pops. It has the sharp pointed grains just like Little Giant and Monarch White Rice. It is just like Little Giant except in color. Little Giant is white instead of yellow. As far as quality is concerned I suppose there is really very little difference between the two varieties. Both pop out a snowy white. The yield on both these small varieties is just as good as on the larger sorts. Of the two larger sorts, we list the **Monarch White Rice** as the most popular. In fact, I suppose there is more White Rice grown than any other variety. It has the sharp pointed grains and is called in the south "Squirrel Tooth Corn." Ears are medium in size. This is the variety that is used extensively by the popcorn wagons.

The **Queen's Golden** is a larger ear with smooth grains. These grains pop out a creamy white and very large, in fact, much larger than other sorts.

The **Japanese Hulless** has a sharp pointed grain, a rather short chunky ear and a deep grain. It usually brings about twice as much on the market as White Rice. It pops out without hulls.

### Postpaid Prices on Popcorn

	Pkt.	1/4 lb	lb
<b>Baby Golden.</b> Very small, yellow.	10	15	45
<b>Little Giant.</b> Small, white.	10	15	45
<b>Queen's Golden.</b> Large, yellow sort	5	10	30
<b>Monarch White Rice.</b> Sharp-pointed grain	5	10	30
<b>Japanese Hulless.</b> A short, chunky ear and a sharp pointed grain	5	15	45

## Peanuts

Few people know that peanuts can be grown in this climate. They may not make as big a yield as they do in the south. Plant just like beans, after it gets warm in the spring. Thin to a foot apart in the row and keep well hoed.

The earliest and best ones for the north are the **Early Northern Peanuts**. They make small pods, but they are well filled, and are so prolific that they yield practically as well as the big southern variety. The bush stands nearly upright like an early potato bush with the peanuts clustered about the roots. This strain can be depended upon for a crop in any ordinary season in any country where corn will ripen. This is a special strain of the variety that is used for salted peanuts.

If you want something really big and live far enough south for a long season, you should raise the **Jumbo or Southern Peanuts**. These are the big southern variety.



Peanuts

### Postpaid Prices on Peanuts

	1/4 lb	lb
<b>Early Northern</b>	15	45
<b>Jumbo</b>	15	45

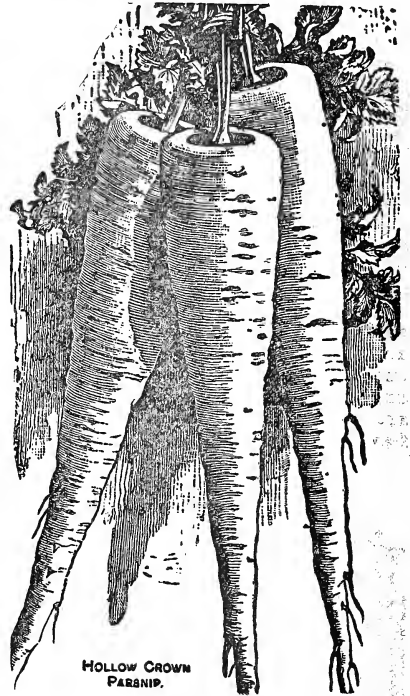
## Potato Seed

No, I don't mean Seed Potatoes, although I may be able to do something for you in that line too, but I mean the true Potato Seed from the little seed balls that sometimes follow the blossoms on the potato vine.

This seed is about like Groundcherry seed in appearance and grows easily. It is best started in a hot bed or box like tomato seed and then transplanted.

You can grow pretty fair sized potatoes the first year from this seed. It comes all sizes and colors, generally no two hills alike. This is the way new varieties are started. Full directions each packet of seed.

I don't suppose you will get wealthy off a few packets of this seed, but it will be mighty interesting. Price, pkt. 15c; 2 for 25c; 5 for 50c.

HOLLOW CROWN  
PARSNIP.

## Parsnips

Many people have trouble to get parsnip seed to grow well. The trouble is either old seed or it is planted too late. It should be planted early while ground is cool and moist.

**Hollow Crown or Long Smooth.** The standard sort. Long, smooth, tender and sweet. Pkt., 10c; oz., 15c; 1/4 lb, 40c.

**Improved Half Long.** Much like the above, but shorter and heavier. Fine quality. Pkt., 10c; oz., 15c; 1/4 lb, 40c.



## Okra or Gumbo

This is a very popular vegetable in the south, but could and should be grown anywhere. Plant and tend like sweet corn. Pick the pods when half grown and tender. Price, packet 5c; ounce 15c.

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## Varieties of Onions

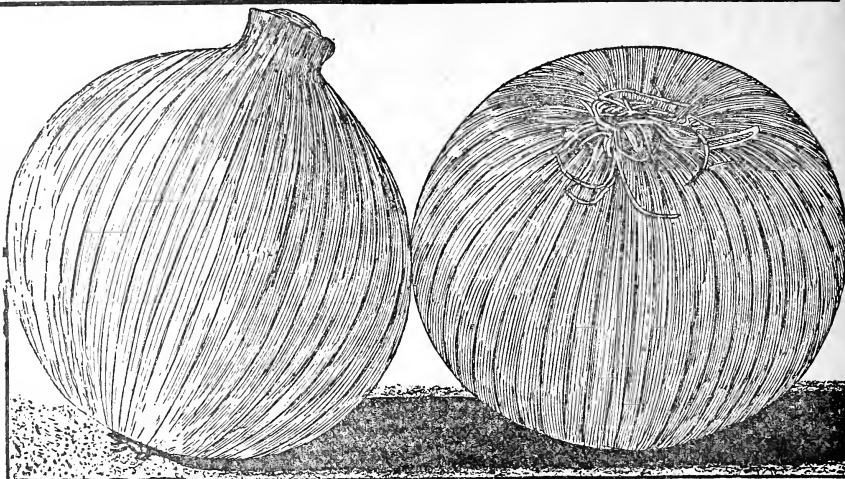
The best known and most popular variety among the yellow onions is the **Prizetaker**, shown on next page. It is called Spanish King and is the same big onion seen in the round-cornered crates in the fruit stores in the winter time. It is very large, mild and tender, and will outsell any other onion where once known. Take it one year with another, it is probably the best yielder of any of the varieties. Its only fault is that it does not keep well for spring sale. It should be disposed of in the fall or early winter, being too mild and tender to keep well until spring. A good combination would be to plant **Prizetaker**, **Red Wethersfield** and **Large Red Globe**.

The best known of all the red onions and probably the most widely grown of any, is the **Red Wethersfield**. It originated in Connecticut, but has been adopted by the west as its own particular variety. It is the standard big, red, flat onion, of good quality, good keeper, and favorably known in all markets.

If you want a yellow onion that will keep solid all winter and sell at any time, I would advise **Ohio Yellow Globe** and the **Yellow Globe Danvers**. These are very similar varieties; both globe shaped, hard, uniform size, good quality and good keepers. The **Ohio Yellow Globe** is a special strain used by onion growers in Ohio and Indiana, while the **Yellow Globe Danvers** is the strain used more in the west. There is also a flatter type, called the **Yellow Danvers Flat**, which is exactly the same as the globe-shaped variety, except that it is flatter and wider. This is the variety most used for yellow onion sets.

The **Australian Brown** is the best keeper of the whole list. I have seen them keep until onions came again. It is about the size of a Yellow Danvers, but of reddish brown color. It will not, however, run absolutely true to color, there will be some white, some pink and some yellow ones in all of them, and all of this class are rather small. It is impossible to get them to come true.

In white onions, the most popular variety is **Southport White Globe**. This is the largest successful pure white onion. Perfect globe-shape, very solid, keeps well and in many city markets brings a much larger price than any other colors. It is a poor seeder and the seed is always high priced. It is rather late and takes a long growing season to mature perfectly. If you want an earlier white onion, you should use the **White Portugal**, or **Silverskin**. This is early and a good keeper. A still earlier white onion is the **Silver King**. A large flat onion of Italian origin. The variety known as **New Queen** is more popular. It is smaller, but is still earlier and more sure to make a crop. It is a flat, white, small onion, very early, tender and sweet. It is used for early bunching and for pickles. The **White Barletta** is very similar to New Queen but slightly smaller. For the mountain



Large Red Globe

### Large Red Globe

In most western markets the best selling onion is the **Red Globe** and the variety to grow is what is called the **Large Red Globe**, or, as it is called in

the east, **Southport Red Globe**. It is of perfect globe-shape, true rich red, large, solid, and heavy yielder. Is a splendid keeper, with ordinary care keeps till spring. Price, pkt., 10c; oz., 25c; ¼ lb., 65c; 1 lb., \$2.15; postpaid.

states and other regions with short season, especially where irrigation is used, you should use an early variety, one that is certain to ripen. For such places I would recommend above all, **Mountain Danvers**. It has earliness, size, yield, keeping qualities, and is thoroughly acclimated, for it has been bred for 20 years at an altitude of 7,000 feet. Good soil is one essential and plenty of water another, and I might mention that you can't hope for a yield without the right kind of seed.

### Postpaid Prices on Onion Seed

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb	lb
<b>Australian Brown</b> .....	5	15	50	1.61
<b>Barletta</b> .....	10	35	1.00	3.50
<b>Globe Red Wethersfield</b> .....	10	25	65	2.15
<b>Giant Prizetaker</b> .....	10	25	65	2.15
<b>Large Red Globe</b> .....	10	25	65	2.15
<b>Mountain Danvers</b> .....	10	35	1.00	3.00
<b>New Queen</b> .....	10	35	1.00	3.50
<b>Ohio Yellow Globe</b> .....	10	25	65	2.15
<b>Red Wethersfield</b> .....	10	25	65	2.15
<b>Silver King</b> .....	10	35	1.00	3.50
<b>Silverskin or White Portu-</b>				
<b>gal</b> .....	10	25	75	2.25
<b>Southport White Globe</b> .....	10	30	75	2.50
<b>Yellow Danvers Flat</b> .....	5	15	50	1.65
<b>Yellow Globe Danvers</b> .....	10	25	65	2.15
<b>Yellow Strasburg</b> .....	5	15	50	1.75
<b>Mountain Red Globe</b> .....	20	50		

### Mountain Red Globe

This variety is grown by the same man who has grown the **Mountain Danvers** for us ever since we introduced it. He is located in Colorado just over the divide, at a very high altitude, where the seasons are short and where an ordinary strain of **Southport Red Globe** will not mature and where an onion has to hustle if it matures and makes a good sized bulb.

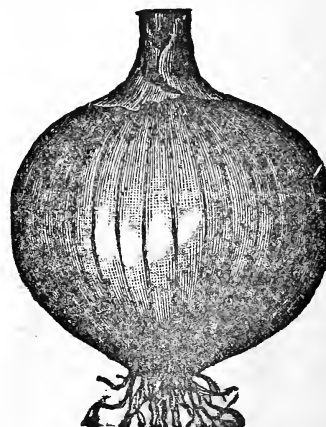
A red onion is preferred to a yellow by many, and for this reason the **Mountain Danvers** did not suit everybody, so if a red is your choice here is your

onion. If you are familiar with onion varieties the best description we can give you is that it is like **Southport Red Globe**, but earlier.

It has a good globe shape, is dark red, ripens evenly, has a small neck, is free from scullions, and keeps well, and ships well. It is a good mate for **Mountain Danvers** which means that it is a mighty fine onion.

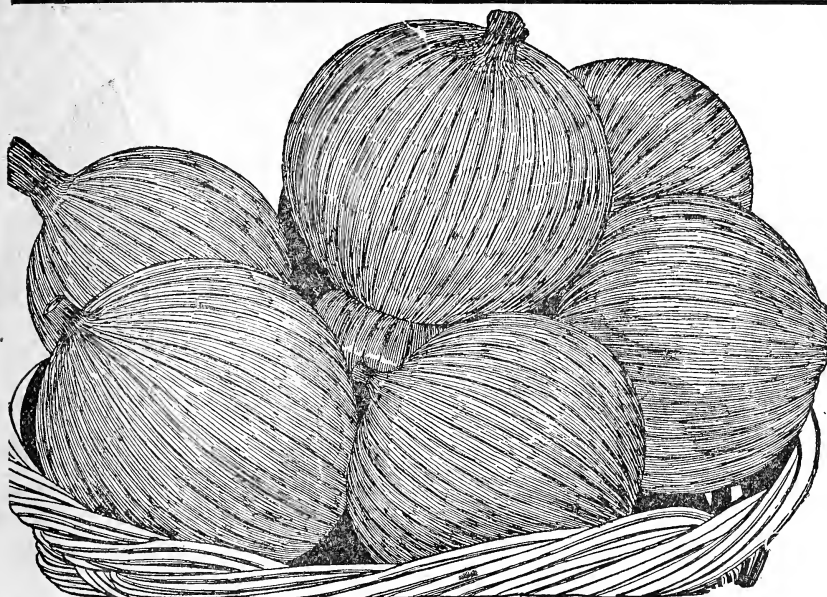
One of the Franklin boys grew this seed, and these boys have done more to improve and develop onion varieties out there in Colorado, where their seasons are short, than anyone else. To them belongs all the glory for the **Mountain Danvers**, and this new one, the **Mountain Red Globe**.

We haven't a very large quantity of this seed so may not be able to supply you with all you want. In fact, we will have to limit you to not more than an ounce. But we can furnish you enough to try it out, anyway, and next season we hope to be able to do better. Per packet, 20c; oz., 50c.



Mountain Red Globe

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**The Prizetaker Onion.** The most profitable onion of all for the Middle West. An enormous yield, big, sweet and easy to grow from seed.

### Mountain Danvers

The great trouble in growing onions in the high altitudes of the mountain regions of the northwest is to get an onion that will mature properly. One that will ripen up hard and solid without any thickneck or sprouty stuff.

The irrigation country in Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana and the rest of that country, can grow the finest crops of onions on earth if they can get the right varieties. What they want is an onion of good size, good bright color, a good keeper, and above all, very early.

Here is what our grower says about them:

"Our seed will make a good crop in many localities where any other seed would make despair and scullions.

"They will ripen practically all at once without any scullions whatever.

"The color will be heavy yellow shading to brown and very bright.

"The necks are thin and when fully matured, completely closed.

"It will keep with less shrinkage or loss from any cause than any other onion.

"There are no doubles grown from this seed, a great advantage when stored for spring.

"They are the best keepers. At this date, February 5, my last year's crop could be loaded without sorting."

### About Growing Onions

I am asked more questions about growing onions than any other crop, and I am always glad to help out with what advice I can. They are a crop that usually pays well. The yield may be from nothing up to 600 bus. per acre or in the irrigation country twice that. Here in the central part of the country a fair yield would be 300 bus. They are more sure than potatoes or corn. They sell well locally and can be shipped to markets. Should have rich, well-worked land and make it fine and mellow. Sow the seed early in drills 12 or 14 in. apart, using 4 or 5 lbs. of seed per acre. You will need a garden drill and cultivator, either combined or separate. One person should not tend more than two or three acres without help. They need to be weeded two or three times by hand and the rest with a wheelhoe. Ground infested with weeds will cause more work than the crop is worth. Plow in the fall and harrow down well in the spring. Work the soil several times, but shallow, till the top two inches in as fine and mellow as possible. Get them in early.



**Mountain Danvers, 1 226 bushels per acre**

**Mountain Danvers.** The Onion for High Altitude and Short Seasons or as an Early Onion in Any Locality. Postpaid Price, pkt., 10c; oz., 35c; ¼ lb., \$1.00; lb., \$3.00.

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## Onion Sets

There is probably more money in early bunch onions than in any crop the gardener grows. All you have to do is to set the sets very early in good rich ground and they are sure to make a crop. Always sell, too. They take very little room, and I have often taken off a dollar's worth to every rod of row. Buy some sets and try it. Figure on about a gallon of sets to the square rod of ground. Bottom sets are the kind to use. Onion sets are 32 pounds per bu., so one pound is the same as one quart.

I do not use or sell top sets, as I consider bottom sets better. These are simply little wee onions grown from the black seed, planted late and thick. They are about as big as the end of your finger and when set out in the spring they come up quick and make nice green onions for bunching, or if let stand will bottom down and make big onions like ones from seed, but lots earlier. I can furnish them in red, yellow or white. Yellow are generally best, as they are not so liable to run to seed. Multiplier's sets are pretty good, but hard to get.

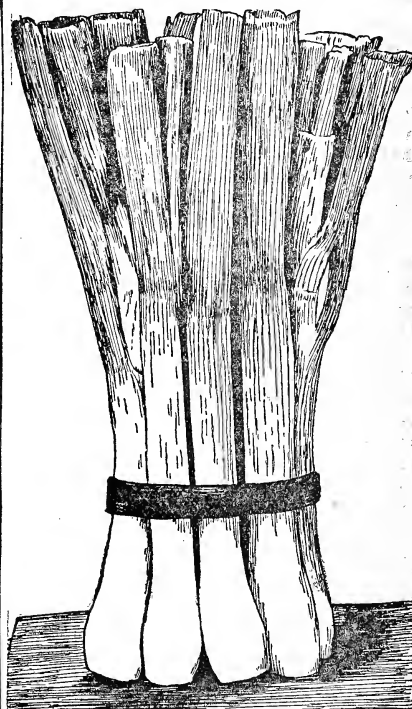
In practically all cases red sets are grown from Red Wethersfield seed, yellow sets from Strasburg or Yellow Danvers Flat seed, and white sets from Silverskin seed.

### Postpaid Prices Onion Sets

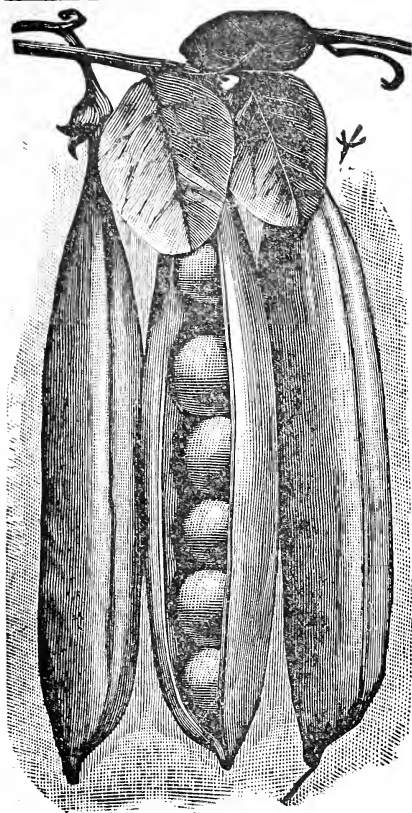
(Either red, yellow or white)

½ lb., 15c; lb., 25c; 3 lbs., 65c

Postpaid	Quantity	Prices	Gallon	Peck
Zone 2	-----		\$ .84	\$1.48
Zone 3	-----		.89	1.57
Zone 4	-----		.98	1.74
Zone 5	-----		1.07	1.91
Zone 6	-----		1.16	2.08



**Bunch Onions Grown from Sets**



Fillbasket  
**Peas**

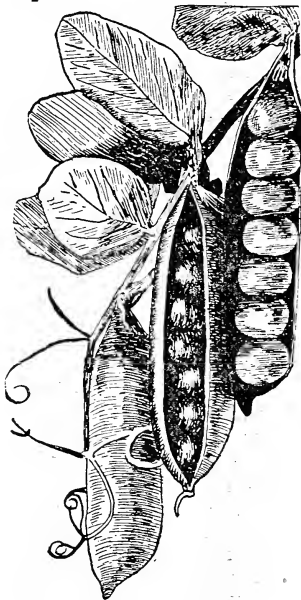
The earliest variety of peas grown, and the surest to make a crop is the **Alaska**. They grow about knee high and set very full of rather small dark-green pods, which are almost all ready to pick at one picking. It is always sure to grow well and will come up and bear in spite of any kind of weather. Market-gardeners especially are advised to plant heavily of this variety, as it is a great money-maker.

The **Improved Extra Early** is very similar, but is three or four days later and generally a little taller. This is the brag early to which many seedsmen give first place usually under some high-sounding name of his own. Pods are slightly larger than pods of Alaska and vines remain in bearing a little longer. Otherwise the two varieties are very similar, and both having smooth seed, they can be planted at the same time very early, and the one will follow the other.

For a larger, slightly later, smooth pea to be planted at the same time as these two and to follow them in the market, I would advise **Fillbasket**. It comes in immediately after the Extra Early, or say a week later than Alaska, but is considerably larger than either one; both pod and vine; and with me it yields far more than any other early pea, or in fact any pea, early or late, that I have seen. Like all the smooth peas it is sure to come up and will not rot in the ground like the wrinkled ones.

**American Wonder** will give satisfaction as a first early among the wrinkled sorts. It is very high quality and yields well for so dwarf a vine.

**Nott's Excelsior** follows very close and is a trifle larger, both pod and vine. Next comes **Premium Gem** or little Gem, still some larger. Both these varieties are fine and have had a wonderful run during the past years, but Little Marvel is so much better in both yield and quality that it is only a question of time until they will be on the shelf and almost forgotten. Still they have many friends and we are not ready to drop them. All the above, early, wrinkled varieties have rather small to medium sized pods, but are well filled. If you prefer a large pod in an early dwarf pea grow **Laxtonian**. Other large podded, early varieties are the **Gradus** and **Thomas Laxton**. They are high quality and grow a tall slender vine which is sensitive to dry weather and heat. For this reason the yield is not certain but you can't say anything against the quality. These two varieties are so near alike that there is really very little choice between them. They have had a tremendous run in the



Little Marvel

past and still selling well. It is interesting to note the number of names you can buy them under. There is an early and late strain of each, and they are practically the same thing, can be bought as Early Morn, Prosperity, Marchioness, World's Record, Early Giant, Extra Long Pod, Snowdrop, and no doubt many others.

Among the newer varieties there is nothing that has gained in popularity as fast as **Little Marvel**. It is an early dwarf, wrinkled pea that will largely take the place of Nott's Excelsior, Premium Gem, and varieties of that class. Its strong points are yield and quality. The vines are simply loaded. The pods are not large, being medium in size, but are stuffed full of peas. And for quality, it simply can't be beaten.

## Late or Main Crop

In the main crop peas, the best one, to my notion is the **Dwarf Champion**. This is a dwarf or bush form of the old-fashioned Champion of England. It grows about 18 inches high, stiff stalked and close-jointed, literally loaded down with big, fat pods, which always come in pairs. Peas large, thin-skinned and of most delicious flavor. **Advancer**, which is a very similar variety; large, sweet and heavy yielder. **Everbearing** is also quite similar, and is supposed to stay in bearing all summer. **Alderman** is a pea that is best described as an improvement on Telephone. Very similar, but better every way.

**Stratagem** is an old reliable large podded variety of very high quality. It is a late sort and winds up the season with peas that taste just as good as the first mess. It has a dwarf vine and this is the principal difference between it and Alderman and Telephone.

**Alderman** and **Telephone** will yield heavier but require more care in that they must have sticks or trellis of some kind for the vines to run on. You will be well repaid for this work, however, as the quality, yield and size of pod cannot be beat.

**Champion of England** and **Marrowfat** are also tall sorts but the quality is not equal to those mentioned above. These varieties have been on the market for many years and have a great many friends but I cannot say that I am partial to them. **Champion of England** grows a rank vine with medium sized pods. **Marrowfat** is a smooth seeded variety and can be planted early but requires a long season to mature and produces medium sized pod of rather poor quality. Both these varieties are living on the reputation they made for themselves years ago when peas of really high quality were scarce. The so-called sugar pea is the **Dwarf Gray Sugar**. This has pods about the same size as other peas, but they have no tough lining and can be broken up and cooked, pods, peas and all, like string beans. They bear enormously.



Premium Gem

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**Dwarf Champion Peas**

The English are great people for peas and have originated some fine varieties. I think they are far ahead of us in this respect. Some of their large podded varieties simply can't be beat. I have imported and tried out a number of them and have selected three that will cover the season from early to late. I call them simply *English Early*, *English Second Early* and *English Main Crop*. They are all big, fat, heavy podded dwarf peas, very fine in quality, and under favorable conditions are great yielders. They have the short jointed, heavy stalk and the broad leaves, typical to most English varieties.

I would suggest that you buy all three so that you will have a continuous supply throughout the season. In this case I will make you a special price. 35c for one-fourth pound of each, and \$1.25 for one pound each.

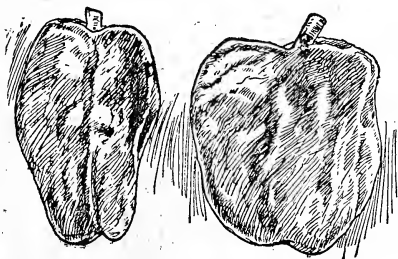
**Field's Tom Thumb.** The little dwarf bushes are simply loaded with fat pods stuffed full of peas. You can have peas just as early as you want them. New potatoes and creamed peas. You know how they taste. It is a new variety that is certainly worth a trial. In some respects it is so much like the old Tom Thumb that to avoid confusion we thought of giving it that name but the seed is white and pale green, instead of blue, and it so far outclasses Tom Thumb that we couldn't do it. So we added the name of Field as a guarantee of its excellence and superiority and let it go at that. The peas are smooth and can be planted as early as you want to, the earlier the better. You can't get them in too early. The vines are dwarf so plant them closer together than you do other varieties and they will outyield anything else.

## Postpaid Prices on Peas

Smooth Early—	Pkt.	¼ lb	lb	3 lbs
<i>Alaska.</i> Best extreme early	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Fillbasket.</i> Long, fat pod, follows <i>Alaska</i> and Improved Extra Early	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Improved Extra Early.</i> Good yielder, well-filled pods	5	15	40	1.10
<i>American Wonder.</i> Very dwarf, high quality, early	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Gradus.</i> High quality, medium, tall, large pod	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Laxtonian.</i> Very large, well filled pods, highest quality, fine dwarf	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Little Marvel.</i> High quality, good cropper, dwarf	5	15	50	1.20
<i>No. 1's Excelsior.</i> Similar to American Wonder	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Premium Gem.</i> (Little Gem). Dwarf, med. size, prolific	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Thomas Laxton.</i> Like Gradus	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Advancer.</i> Dwarf, medium-sized pod	5	10	35	.90
<i>Bliss Everbearing.</i> Dwarf, strong grower, main crop	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Champion of England.</i> Very late, should be stalked	5	10	35	.90
<i>Dwarf Champion.</i> Good quality, prolific, dwarf	5	15	50	1.35
<i>Dwarf Gray Sugar.</i> To be used like snap beans	5	15	45	1.20
<i>English Early.</i> Dwarf, vigorous grower, large pods, of high quality	5	15	50	1.35
<i>English Second Early.</i> Very dwarf, large pods	5	15	50	1.35
<i>English Main Crop.</i> High quality, lots of pods	5	15	50	1.35
<i>Marrowfat.</i> Late, tall, smooth seed	5	10	35	.90
<i>Stratagem.</i> Large pods, high quality, late	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Telephone.</i> Very large pods, should be stalked	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Alderman.</i> Like Telephone, but better	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Field's Tom Thumb.</i> Early good yield	10	20	60	

## Peppers

The largest, sweetest and best of all the mango or sweet peppers is the *Chinese Giant*. I have had them as large as a quart cup, but of course, they don't all grow that big. The only trouble with it is that it is pretty late and doesn't set very full. If you want an extra large pepper that is earlier, and also sets full, try the *World Beater*. It looks like it might be a cross between *Chinese Giant* and *Ruby King*, and is certainly a mighty fine sweet pepper. I think it is likely to take the place of *Chinese Giant* entirely, as it is practically as large and is earlier.



**Ruby King      Chinese Giant**  
**Two Fine Mango Peppers**

The most widely known and widely grown of all the mango peppers is the

*Ruby King*. It is well known everywhere and always sells well. It is not so large as the *Chinese Giant* and is slightly more pointed in shape, but is somewhat earlier and sets more peppers to the bush. There is also a cross between this and *Crimson Giant*, which is known as *Ruby Giant*, and has, to a large extent, the qualities of both parents. It is generally sold in the market as *Ruby King*, but it is larger and thicker meated.

There is a medium sized yellow variety known as *Golden Queen*. It is not quite as large as *Ruby King*, otherwise about the same, turning yellow when ripe.

A small mango pepper is the *Bull Nose*. It is sometimes used for mangoes, but is pretty hot for that and not quite large enough. Another good, small sweet pepper is the *Neapolitan*, the earliest of all mango peppers.

If you want a genuine hot pepper, the kind to use is the long, red *Cayenne*. This is the real red hot kind, grows 3 to 4 inches long, and is very prolific, often one hundred or more to a single bush. Still smaller and still hotter varieties are *Red Chili* and *Red Cluster*, which grows about an inch long, very thick on the bush and very hot. These are the ones used for chili sauce.

*Anaheim Chili*, named after the little town of Anaheim in southern California, is one of the hot peppers, but is not so intolerably hot as some and on this account is very popular for culinary purposes. It is quite large being two or three times as large as Long Red Cayenne.

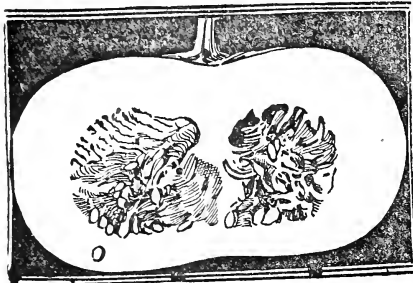
## Postpaid Prices on Peppers

Hot Peppers	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb
<i>Cayenne.</i> Long, hot pepper	10	45	
<i>Red Chili.</i> Used extensively in south for chili sauce	5	35	
<i>Red Cluster.</i> About one inch long, grows in clusters	10	45	
<i>Anaheim Chili.</i> Large hot pepper	10	45	
Mango or Sweet Peppers—			
<i>Chinese Giant.</i> Largest mango; late	10	50	1.75
<i>World Beater.</i> A large sweet pepper. If Chinese Giant is too late for you grow this	10	50	1.75
<i>Golden Queen.</i> Yellow, medium sized	5	35	
<i>Large Bullnose.</i> Medium sized, early, red mango	10	45	1.00
<i>Spanish Pimento.</i> Genuine variety	10	45	
<i>Ruby King.</i> Larger and thicker meated than Bullnose	10	45	1.25
<i>Sweet Neapolitan.</i> Very early, medium sized, prolific	10	45	
<i>Ruby Giant.</i> In size between Ruby King and Chinese Giant	10	45	1.25

## Pimento Peppers

More and more people every year are learning to use Pimentos, and there is lots of call for the seed. Pimento is simply another name for sweet pepper, and any mild, thick meated sweet pepper will fill the bill. The ones most used are the Spanish Pimento. They are easily grown just like any other pepper. We can furnish seed at pkt., 10c; oz., 45c.

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Buff Pie Pumpkin

## Pumpkins

You might just as well raise some pumpkins as not. Plant a few hills where the corn is missed and it's done. Squashes do not do that way, but pumpkins seem to like it as well as having the whole field to themselves. The biggest, showiest pumpkin is the *Big Tom*, which is a selection from the old Golden Marrow or Michigan Marrow and grows uniformly to very large size. Not so large, of course, as the coarse "Mammoth Pumpkins," but the biggest of all true pumpkins. Both skin and flesh are of a deep orange yellow; cooks up nice and tender, and is good for either cooking or stock feed, although not quite so high in quality as *Small Sugar* and *Large Cheese* pumpkins of that class. I have a specially selected strain of the *Large Cheese* pumpkin which is called the *Buff Pie* pumpkin. We have always grown large amounts of *Large Cheese* pumpkins for table use, but we have had trouble to get and keep a uniform strain of them. They are inclined to vary considerably in size and shape, and some very thin-meated. For some time now we have been selecting them to get a strain of the true flattened type, clear buff color, uniform size, and with thick, close-grained flesh. If you like a large cheese pumpkin for table use, I am sure you will be highly pleased with this *Buff Pie* pumpkin.

The *Small Sugar* or *Red Sugar* pumpkin is the best of all pie pumpkins. It looks like a regular *Yankee* or *Cow* pumpkin but is smaller and entirely different in quality. Very early and prolific, cooks very quickly and is the best quality of any pumpkin in the list. Next to it in quality I would put the *Large Cheese*. This is the flat, cream-colored, well-known "Sweet Pumpkin." Large and good for either table use or stock. If you want to plant pumpkin seed by putting it in the planter with the seed corn this is the kind to use, as the seeds are small enough so that they will run through the planter boxes right with the corn.

The *Yankee Field* or *Cow Pumpkin*, is also very popular for planting in corn, but the seeds are so large that they must be planted with a hoe instead of being run through a planter. It is the big *Yankee Field* pumpkin.

If you want to grow some enormous squashes or pumpkins, something big

for exhibition purposes, you should get some seed of what we call our *Exhibition Collection of Squashes and Pumpkins*. In the trial grounds, I always grow lots of varieties of these mammoth vegetables, having pretty nearly all the known varieties, both American and foreign. They are all imaginable shapes and colors, and of enormous size, many of them weighing 100 pounds. As there is not enough of each kind to pay to save the seed separately I save the seed out of all the larger ones, mix it well and put it up in ounce packages. As the seeds are very large, it would not be worth while to start with less than an ounce of seed.

### Postpaid Prices on Pumpkin Seed

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb	lb
<i>Buff Pi.</i> . Flat, buff color, fine grained, good for either pies or stock.....	10	20	50	1.35
<i>Big Tom</i> . Special strain of <i>Yankee Field</i> . For stock	5	15	45	1.25
<i>Large Cheese</i> . Large heavy yielding, buff, flat, well known and well liked....	5	15	40	.90
<i>Yankee Field</i> . Large heavy yielding stock pumpkin	5	15	40	1.00
<i>Winter Luxury</i> . For pies. Good keeper. Med. size.	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Small Sugar</i> . Small yellow. Also known as <i>New England Pie</i> .....	10	20	50	1.50
<i>Exhibition Collection</i> of pumpkins and squashes. Grow this for size, quality and variety.....		20		

## Squashes

### Banana Squash

This is not a new variety, but is very scarce, although it used to be quite generally grown a generation ago. It is probably the finest in quality of all squashes, large in size, a great yielder, a good keeper, and in fact is just about right in every way, but unfortunately it makes but very little seed, and for that reason the seedsmen seem to have dropped it, and it is practically unknown to the present generation. I finally got a little start of the seed and by planting a large acreage I got enough to offer it for sale last year, and I think I will have enough to supply all of you this year. The seed is bound to be high-priced, however, as it don't make one-tenth the seed that other kinds do.

It grows to large size, generally over 2 feet long and sometimes over 3 feet. It keeps equal to a *Hubbard*, is better quality, more prolific and earlier. It has a tough shell, but not hard like the *Hubbard*. The picture shows its appearance better than I can describe it. Price, pkt. 10c; oz., 20c; ¼ lb, 60c.

The *Banana squash* is one of the best varieties I have ever seen. They are thick-meated and of good flavor. They are, I believe, one of the very best for home use or canning."

—J. F. Carnefix, Payette, Idaho.

And here is what another man says about them:

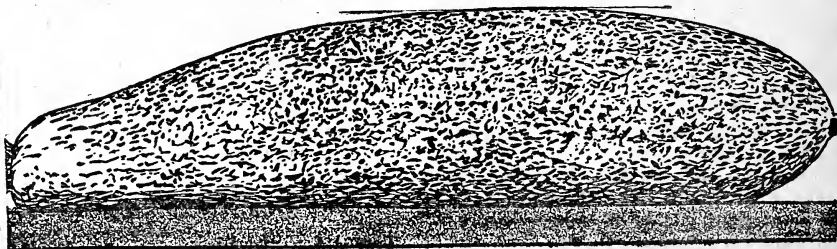
"It is the most delicious of all the pumpkin and squash family for pies. My wife puts a few pieces in a kettle with a little water to start to cooking, and in 15 minutes it is ready to mix for the pies, and she will have pie baked within 35 minutes after putting it on to cook. It is a splendid keeper and we have kept them till April. It simply is the best squash I have ever seen in my 50 years' experience in gardening."

Squashes should have very rich, loose soil, and plenty of room. Make the hills far apart, and don't crowd them. Put in plenty of seed and after the bugs get done with them, thin them to about three plants to each hill.

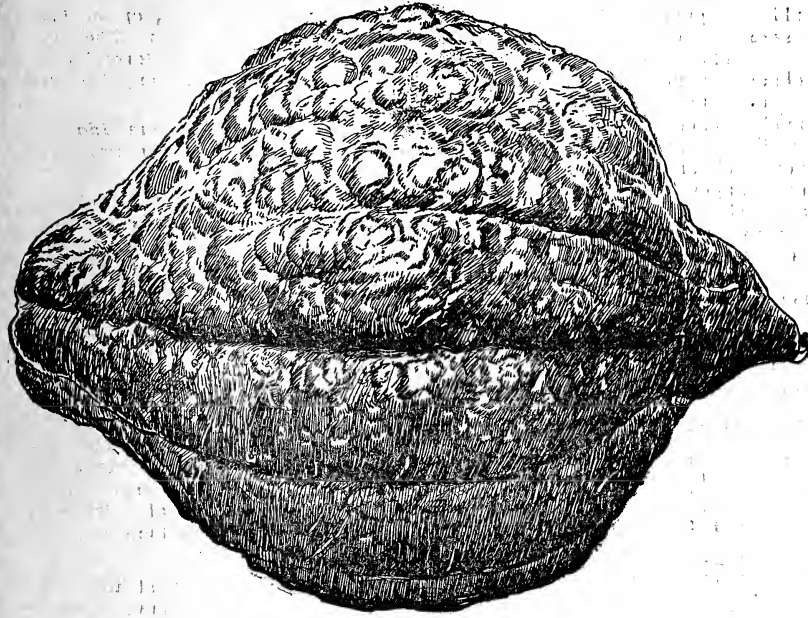
*Table Queen* is the finest little individual squash you ever saw, about as large as a quart cup. Cut in halves and boil twenty minutes and it is done. Also a fine baking squash. Quality is a rich butter flavor. Cooks dry and mealy. It is blue black in color, cone shaped, keeps like a *Hubbard* and makes a better pumpkin pie than a pumpkin. We found it about Des Moines where the gardeners had grown it for several years. It is well known and well liked by the people up there who are certainly good judges of squash. Price per pkt., 10c; ounce, 25c; ¼ lb, 75c; postpaid.

Without a doubt the king of all varieties is the *Genuine Hubbard*. This is the big, warty, hard-shelled, dark-green winter squash. It is big, prolific and fine quality. Will keep all winter and gets better all the time. For nearly a century it has been the standard of quality with which all others have been compared. The new extra warty strain is claimed to be a slight improvement over the old type, but doubt if there is any real difference except a little in looks. Good, pure seed of this variety is always scarce but I have provided for a big lot of seed and am well fixed. If you want to plant a big field of them write for special prices.

A somewhat similar squash is the *Marblehead*, which is sometimes called the *Blue Hubbard*. It is somewhat like the *Hubbard*, but lighter colored. Otherwise I can see very little difference



Banana Squash. 33 inches long. Fine quality. Pkt., 10c; ounce, 20c. Market gardeners and other large buyers, ask for special wholesale prices.



Genuine Hubbard Squash. The Standard Winter Squash.

## (Squash Cont.)

except that it is not quite so good a keeper. There is also a smaller, yellow-colored squash called *Golden Hubbard*, which somewhat resembles the Hubbard in shape and quality. Hard-shelled the same way, but is much smaller, and is orange-yellow in color. If you prefer a soft-shelled squash you should plant the *Orange Marrow*, or as it is called, the *Boston Marrow*. It is the same shape and size as the Hubbard but is soft shelled and is not so good a keeper. It is not so good a quality as the Hubbard but is much earlier and more prolific. It is valuable for early fall sales, besides many people prefer it because it can be cut with a knife. There is a small winter squash called the *Delicious*, which I believe is fully as good quality as the Hubbard. Some claim it is even better. It is about the same color as Hubbard but different shape, being broad at one end and pointed at the other end. It is good for early fall and winter, and while not very large, it makes up for this in high quality. The *Sibley* or *Pike's Peak*, is a good deal the same type of a squash as the *Delicious*. It is a small light gray squash of most excellent quality, and while not hard-shelled it keeps well for winter.

There is also a little odd-looking winter squash called the *Fordhook*, which is about the size and shape of a big cucumber, bears enormously, comes on the market early in the fall, and will keep all winter.

If you want the biggest squash you can get regardless of quality, you should use the *Mammoth* or *Hundredweight Squash*. There are a number of strains of this mammoth squash. They are very large and coarse, and sometimes grow to weigh as much as 200 pounds.

The old fashioned *Cushaw* or *Crookneck*, I really don't know whether to call it a squash or a pumpkin, but I will class it with the squashes. Among the summer squashes or real early varieties the *Summer Bush Crookneck* is as popular as any. It is shaped like the *Cushaw* but much smaller. The color is a deep yellow and covered with warts or small bumps. Then there is the flat scalloped edged squashes known as *Early Golden Bush Scallop* and *Mammoth White Bush Scallop*. There is no difference in the quality, the color being the principal point of distinction. The *Pattypan* or *Cymelon* is another good one, practically the same as *Mammoth White Bush Scallop*. Some plant these early varieties among the melons as a trap crop. The striped bugs prefer them to the melons. When they are feasting nicely, spray with Paris Green or Arsenate of Lead. Don't spray the melons or you may injure them.

## For Squash Bugs

Use tobacco dust. It is sure death to the little striped bugs, and it is some help on the big bugs. There is no real cure for the big squash bugs except to catch them and kill them by hand. When they first come, they are few, and it is not a very hard matter to dispose of them. When the eggs begin to hatch and the new crop of bugs come on, they are too thick to fight with any success. Strong tobacco dust will help some. The squash borers, which work later in the stems of the plants, can generally be driven away by tobacco dust.

Price, postpaid, 20c per lb; by freight or express, 10c per lb; 12 lbs for \$1.00; 100 lbs or over, 7½c lb.

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## Postpaid Prices on Squash

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb	lb
<i>Banana</i> . Good keeper.				
Thick flesh	10	20	60	
<i>Blue Hubbard</i> . Large, late	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Boston Marrow</i> . Soft-shelled Hubbard	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Cushaw</i> or <i>Crookneck</i> . Old-fashioned variety	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Delicious</i> . Medium size, high quality	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Early Golden Bush Scallop</i> . To be used while green	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Italian Vegetable Marrow</i> or <i>Cocozelle</i> . Slice and fry in egg and cracker crumbs. Use while young and tender	10	20		
<i>Fordhook</i> . Small; fine for baking	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Golden Hubbard</i> . Fine quality; not a long keeper	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Genuine Hubbard</i> (warted). Large, good keeper	10	20	55	1.65
<i>Genuine Hubbard</i> (Wolf Stock). Colo. grown	15	30	90	
<i>Mammoth White Bush Scallop</i> . Very early	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Mammoth</i> or <i>Hundredweight</i> . Very large	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Pattypan</i> or <i>Cymelon</i> . White, flat, scalloped	5	15	45	1.35
<i>Sibley</i> or <i>Pike's Peak</i> . Medium-size	10	20	55	1.65
<i>Summer Bush Crookneck</i>	10	20	55	1.65
<i>Table Queen</i> . Little individual size baking squash. Good keeper	10	25	75	

## Extra Early Varieties

So many people want the earliest varieties. About as often as not they want to beat their neighbors with the first picking of the season. Sometimes it is the dry farmer of the west who has learned that it is the early variety that is most likely to mature before it dries up and blows away. Again, it may be the short seasons where they must have a variety that will mature before the early frosts.

It occurred to me that a list of our earliest varieties might come in handy.

*Bush Beans*—Field's First Early, New Stringless Yellow Pod, Early Wonder Wax.

*Pole Lima*—Extra Early Lima.

*Bush Lima*—Henderson's Bush Lima.

*Pole Bean*—Improved Missouri Wonder.

*Table Beet*—Crosby's Egyptian No. 0116.

*Detroit Dark Red* No. 0117, Early Wonder.

*Carrot*—Chantenay and Oxheart.

*Cabbage*—Norseman and Extra Early Jersey Wakefield.

*Cucumber*—Early Cluster, Chicago Pickle.

*Lettuce*—Black Seeded Simpson, May King.

*Watermelon*—Princess, Harris Early and Ice Cream.

*Muskmelon*—Knights Early, and for a large melon of very high quality and still early, the Greeley Wonder.

*Onion*—Mountain Danvers, Australian Brown and Mountain Red Globe.

*Peanuts*—Early Northern.

*Sweet Pepper*—Neapolitan.

*Parsnip*—Hollow Crown and Improved Half Long.

*Squash*—Summer Bush Crookneck, Fordhook Bush, Table Queen, and all the summer squashes.

*Sweet Corn*—White Mexican, Early Mayflower and Golden Bantam.

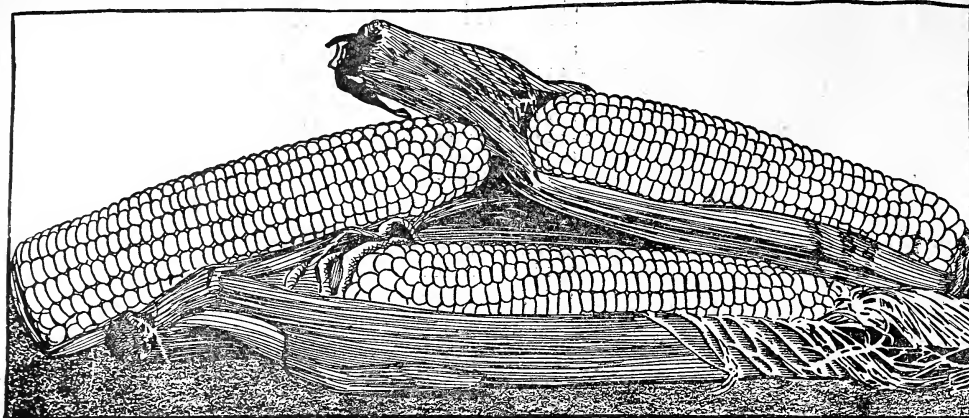
*Tomato*—Field's Early June, Redhead and Earliana.

*Peas*—Early Alaska, Improved Extra Early, Fillbasket and Little Marvel.

*Radish*—Practically all varieties will mature in a very short season and can be grown anywhere.

*Turnip*—Extra Early Milan, Early White Milan, Purple Top Globe, and Purple Top Strap Leaf.

*Odd and Ends*—Endive, Kohl Rabi, Leek, Parsley, Kale, Mustard, Spinach, Swiss Chard.



State Fair Stowells Evergreen Sweet Corn. See description on next page.

## Sweet Corn

Among the earliest varieties of sweet corn is the *Early Mayflower* and *White Mexican*. They are not as large as the later varieties, but there is not anything from the very first mess you pick to the last that will taste any better. *White Mexican* has made a fine record and is still going strong. It originated in northwest Iowa. Is good size for an early variety; does not show the objectionable deep furrows between the rows; is pure white and I don't see how it can be beaten for an extra early. For a crackling good sort to follow it we have the *White Mexican Home Grown* which has a longer ear, of just as good quality or a little better and will make a better yield, naturally, because of its larger size. These follow each other very closely and you can have sweet corn every day and not miss a meal until they are both gone.

*Early Mayflower* is in the same class as *White Mexican*. In fact, if anything, it is earlier and better. It originated way up in the New England states where it would have to be in early in order to make good. It is white, grows a good sized ear usually ten rows or better. It proves to be just a little earlier than any other sort we have. For the past two years in the trials, we have gathered our first mess of roasting ears from the early *Mayflower*. The quality has been good, in fact better than most early kinds. It seems to contain a larger percent of sugar than is usually found in an early corn. The appearance of the dry grain shows that. I pronounce it one of the best things in early

sweet corn that has come out yet. You are safe in planting all you want.

*Peep O'Day* is another early variety supposed to belong in the same class as those mentioned above but so very small and often wormy that it is usually disappointing. Next comes the Cory class of sweet corn which has been popular for the early markets for a good many years. *White Cory* or *White Cob Cory* is the most popular among them. It is very early, grows a fair sized ear and comes at a time when sweet corn is appreciated and in demand. In the second early varieties, the best known is the *Early Minnesota*, which comes in just after Cory and *White Mexican*. A slightly larger and better second early is *Early Champion*, which is probably the best of all the second earlies. Long, sweet ears like the later sorts and is in and gone before *Evergreen* is ready. Next following would be *Early Evergreen*, which is an early selection from the *Stowell's Evergreen*. Slightly smaller and about a week earlier. Ears are of good shape and fine quality. *Black Mexican* also comes in about the same season. It is a very sweet variety, medium early, and fair size, but its color is against it, the grains being blue-black.

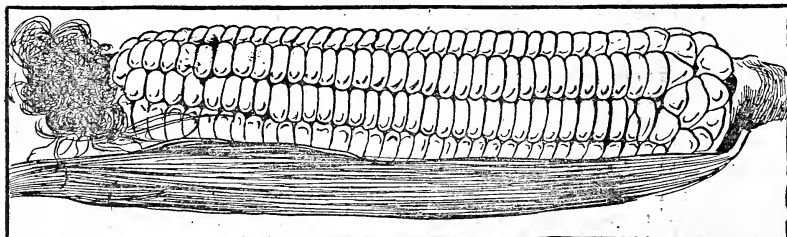
For the main crop of big, juicy roasting ears, either for home use or for the canning factory there is nothing equal to *Stowell's Evergreen*, and its improved strain, the *White Evergreen*. Both are very similar, juicy, sweet, solid ears, heavy yielders, staying green and tender for a long time. The *Stowell's Evergreen* is the standard variety for the canning factories everywhere, while the *White Evergreen* is more prized for home use and market garden trade.

An old standard variety noted for its quality is *Country Gentleman*. It was at one time known as *Shoe Peg* but was improved to such an extent that it deserved a new name. It is a late variety deep grained with zig zag rows, ears of medium size and exceptional quality. *Zig Zag Evergreen* is a cross between this one and *Stowell's Evergreen* made in an effort to get a larger ear resembling *Country Gentleman* with the quality of this variety. I doubt if the result is attained, but is a good variety, anyway.

The hardest and possibly the earliest corn for roasting ears is the *Extra Early Adams*. It is not really a sweet corn, but more like *White Flint* corn, but it makes pretty fair roasting ears if not allowed to get too old, and is certainly very very early. It is hardy and can be planted earlier than true sweet corn. *Squaw Corn* is a good deal the same, only it comes in mixed colors instead of white. It is the kind the Indians used to raise.

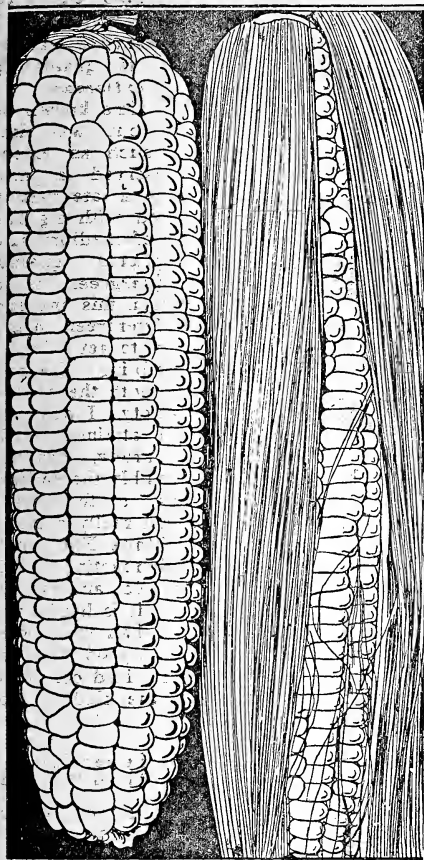
### Postpaid Prices on Sweet Corn

	Pkt.	¼ lb	lb	3 lb
<i>Peep O'Day</i> . Early, but small	5	10	35	1.00
<i>White Mexican</i> . (Sioux City). Best real early grain	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Adams' Extra Early</i> . Not a sweet corn; early and hardy	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Squaw Corn</i> . Very early	5	10	35	1.00
<i>First of All</i> . Early dry corn pink, 8-rowed	5	10	35	1.00
<i>De Lue's Golden Giant</i> . Early or intermediate, of high quality	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Golden Bantam</i> . An excellent early. Yellow at roasting ear stage	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Golden Bantam</i> . Mountain Grown. An extra good strain of this popular variety	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Early Minnesota</i> . A large early good quality	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Early Champion</i> . Midseason, large ear, good yielder	5	15	40	1.20
<i>Early Evergreen</i> . High quality, midseason	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Black Mexican</i> . Medium late, shallow grained, fair quality	5	10	35	1.00
<i>Early Mayflower</i> . Extremely early, good quality	5	15	45	1.20
<i>White Cory</i> . Standard early variety	5	10	35	1.00
<i>White Mexican</i> . (Home Grown). Later and larger than regular strain	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Zig Zag Evergreen</i> . Good quality, medium sized ear	5	10	35	1.00
<i>White Evergreen</i> . Large deep grained, very juicy and sweet	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Stowell's Evergreen</i> . Rank growing, large eared, late	5	15	45	1.20
<i>Country Gentleman</i> . Small ear, high quality, deep grain	5	15	40	1.20
<i>State Fair Stowells</i> . An exceptionally fine strain of <i>Stowell's Evergreen</i> . See description elsewhere	10	20	60	1.50



White Mexican. One of the best for extra early, roasting ears.

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Early Champion Sweet Corn

## Turnips

Early turnips should be sown, or better yet, drilled very early. You can't get them too early. They will come on quickly and be ready to eat a couple of weeks before the early potatoes are. They should be thinned out, however, to at least six inches apart in the row. Most people let turnips stand too thick. That makes them small and tough and bitter. Every early turnip should have a piece of ground at least twelve by six inches and late turnips a square foot of ground for each plant. Late turnips can be sown in July and August and will keep growing until the ground freezes. Use from one to three pounds of seed per acre.

For early use the best variety of turnips is the *Early Milan*. It is tender and sweet and very early. Looks like the old *Purple Top Strap Leaf* but smaller and earlier. There is also a pure white strain of the same turnip, called *Early White Milan*. No difference except color. *Snowball* is fine for either early or late.

For main crop, and especially for fall sowing, the main standby is the old-fashioned *Purple Top Strap Leaf*. Large, sweet and fine grain. The *Purple Top Globe* is practically the same turnip, but slightly deeper shade and a little heavier. On account of its

## State Fair Stowells

For seven years in succession Mr. Otcheck of Poweshiek county Iowa, has taken first premium on his *Stowell's Evergreen*, at the Iowa State Fair. This is a record that probably has never in the history of this variety been equaled, either in this state or any other state. We bought his crop what he had, and there is nothing in the catalog that we are prouder of than this strain of *Stowell's Evergreen*. Most of you know what *Stowell's* is, at least those of you who have gardened very much. It is a big main crop variety, the kind to use for main crop roasting ears and for canning. Ears when ready to use are a pearly white, juicy and sweet. Price postpaid—Large pkt., 10c; one-fourth pound, 20c; one pound, 60c.

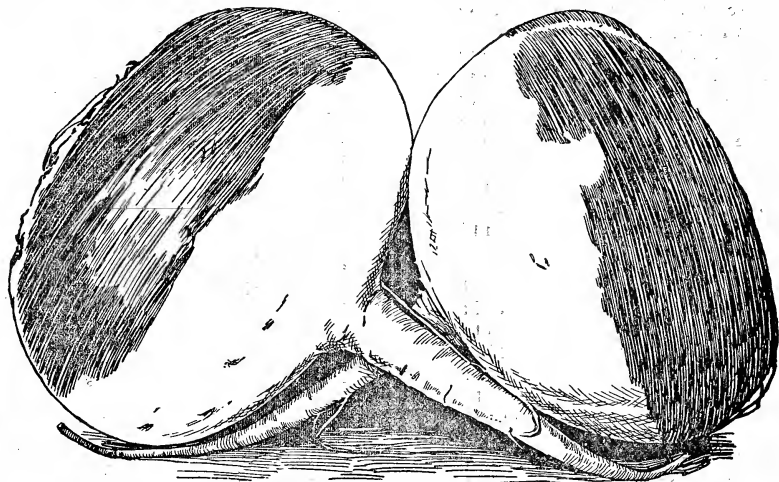
Plant liberally of sweet corn. You can't lose if you do not use it all for it can be cut and fed to the stock. Make successive plantings so that you may have the corn at its best. If it all comes on at once only a part of it will be of the highest quality. There is no reason why you cannot have corn of the highest quality from the first gathering until frost. It is a common mistake to gather corn too old. All the sweet, tender, juicy qualities are gone when it becomes hard.

## Yellow Sweet Corn

Of late the yellow sweet corn seems to be more popular than in the past. It happens there are some fine varieties in this color and this probably accounts for the popularity. The *Golden Bantam* is the leading variety in this class. I suppose it has received more free advertising than any other sweet corn in America. In fact, I doubt whether there is a vegetable catalogued that has had the favorable mention that the *Golden Bantam* has.

There is no doubt but what it deserves most of it. Its high quality and earliness combined gives it a strong advantage over other varieties. It is a rich, creamy yellow when ready to use, very tender and sweet and of the very highest quality.

In a yellow corn to follow *Golden Bantam*, I would suggest *De Lue's Golden Giant*. It has a larger ear but same color and quality. This variety originated in the east and sold at a higher price than any other variety ever introduced. The ears are of medium length, rather thick through, very tender and sweet. If you like a yellow corn, and most folks do, you will be more than pleased with this variety.



Turnips, Purple Top Strap Leaf

shape, it yields better than the old flat type. *White Globe* is much like *Purple Top Globe*, except that it is white and somewhat later. There is also a yellow-fleshed turnip *Amber Globe*, I do not like it so well as the ordinary varieties.

The *Rutabaga Turnip* is a different growing turnip entirely. It has smooth leaves like a cabbage, grows slower than an ordinary turnip, and much larger. The best variety has a purple top with a yellow flesh. This is the variety we use. They are not much of a success here in Iowa, but in the northern states they are quite valuable.

There is a long, slender turnip, called *Cowhorn Turnip*, which is much used for stock feeding and for a fertilizer

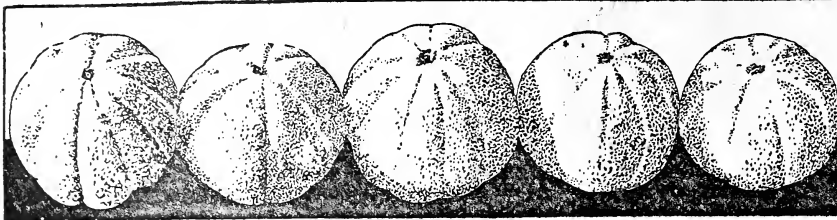
crop to plow under. It is too coarse for table use, but valuable other ways.

If you happen to have a surplus of vegetables, don't waste them. Feed them to the stock. Another thing, be neighborly. Your neighbor may be short of just what you are long on.

### Postpaid Prices on Turnip Seed

	Pkt.	Oz.	1/4	lb	
<i>Amber Globe</i> .....	5	10	25		.75
<i>Cowhorn</i> .....	5	10	25		.75
<i>Extra Early Milan</i> .....	10	20	50		1.45
<i>Early White Milan</i> .....	10	20	50		1.45
<i>Early Snowball</i> .....	10	15	35		1.00
<i>Purple Top Strap Leaf</i> .....	10	15	35		1.00
<i>Purple Top Globe</i> .....	10	15	35		1.00
<i>Rutabaga, American Purple</i>					
<i>Top</i> .....	10	15	40		1.25
<i>Seven Top Turnip, For</i>					
<i>greens</i> .....	5	10	25		.75
<i>White Globe</i> .....	5	10	25		.75

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### Greeley Wonder, a Great Quality Muskmelon

This melon ships fairly well but is especially fine for home use and local markets. Out in Colorado, where it originated, it is becoming more popular every year. For two or three years past the demand out there has been so great that it has been almost impossible to get seed. We had to drop it out of the catalog on that account.

It is a large melon, thick flesh of a deep salmon color, and of a quality that is not surpassed by any. It yields well, making as high as 400 crates to the acre. It will bring the highest prices. Looks something like a Hackensack and cuts like an Osage.

Price, 10c per packet; 25c per ounce; 75c per  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound; \$2.50 per pound—all postpaid.

### Yellow Meated Sorts

Personally, I prefer the yellow-meated varieties. Of this, the best one, all things considered, is Field's Daisy, which is fully described elsewhere. Next, my choice would be *Perfection*, the biggest of all the large varieties, often selling in our markets at 25 or 50c each. You know it takes a pretty good muskmelon to do this. It is almost round, heavily ribbed, deep yellow or salmon color and of the richest, sweetest flavor imaginable. It is a very pretty melon, being a bright yellow in color and heavily netted. It is very thick meated, and, in fact, is the best variety I know of and will surely suit you.

Another popular yellow-meated sort is *Osage*, a standard variety on the Chicago markets, being grown largely in Michigan. Not as large as the *Perfection*, skin resembles the Daisy or Emerald Gem. Shape oblong, dark green skin, salmon flesh, fine quality.

The *Emerald Gem* resembles somewhat the *Osage*, but is not so large and as a rule is flattened at the ends. These flattened ends frequently become soft and the melon will not carry well. However, the quality is fine, in fact above the average.

The *Burrell's Gem* has the shape and much the appearance of the regular Rocky Ford, but has deep, salmon colored flesh like Emerald Gem or *Perfection*. It is not quite so early as the Emerald Gem or Rocky Ford, but it is great to yield and in most markets it outsells all other small melons. You might say it has the *Osage* or Emerald Gem quality, with the Rocky Ford size, shape and shipping qualities. There is also another medium sized, yellow-meated muskmelon, called the *Ford-hook*, which is small and looks like Hackensack.

If you want the old-fashioned big yellow, fragrant muskmelon, the kind we used to have when we were boys, you should plant the *California Cream*

*Cantaloupe*. It is big, yellow and showy; only fair in quality. The *Banana* is distinct and peculiar in appearance, having the shape and somewhat the taste of a banana.

### Green Fleshed Sorts

The best known and most popular of all the muskmelons and cantaloupes is the *Rocky Ford Cantaloupe*, named after a district in Colorado, where it was first extensively grown. There are a number of district strains of this popular type of small melon, but all are more or less similar. Small, egg-shaped, very solid and very sweet, a good shipper, great to yield, and always uniform in size. For the shipping market there is probably more of this variety, grown than of all the other varieties put together. I have all my seed of these grown at Rocky Ford, Colorado, by men who have made a specialty of cantaloupes for years.

The *Rocky Ford* has had a wonderful sale in the past and is still as good as it ever was. The melon, as most of us know, is green fleshed. In fact, when you think of a Rocky Ford you think of a green-fleshed melon. And to prove that color does not mean everything, the old reliable green

fleshed Rocky Ford is being replaced by a pink-meated variety the *Pallock Ten-Twenty-Five* or the "*Ten-Twenty-Five*" as it is called.

It has taken the commercial growers like a whirlwind. For quality, it can't be beat. It is a most beautifully netted melon, thick flesh, cuts well, packs well, and carries well. It meets the specifications of the most exacting grower and shipper, and the consumer is just as enthusiastic. For the home grower, if you like a small melon you can't beat it. In appearance, it is just like the old Rocky Ford.

The green fleshed Rocky Ford or the *Standard Rocky Ford*, is a small melon, runs uniform in size and shape, so that a certain number can be packed in the standard shipping crate. As a melon for the home grower, it is entirely satisfactory, if you like a small melon.

The *Green Meated Nutmeg* is the old-fashioned little sweet nutmeg melon that has been the standard for a generation or more. Small, extreme early, sweet and prolific. Of the large green-meated melons, the best type known is the *Hackensack*. We have three strains of this. The regular *Hackensack* is about like *Perfection* in size, but is green-fleshed. It is large in size, fine quality and fairly early. The *Extra Early Hackensack* is a week or ten days earlier ripening. The *Long Island Beauty* is a special strain of *Hackensack*, largest of the three, fairly early.

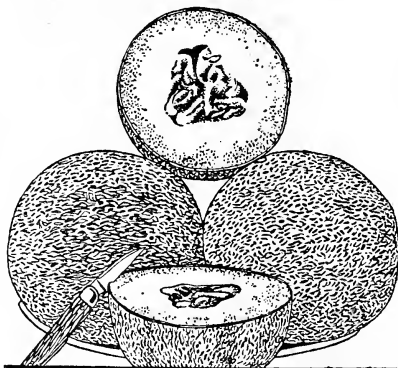
In the commercial melon growing districts they are growing as their earliest melon the *Knights Early*. It is a small melon, green fleshed, well netted and of good quality. Another small melon the size of a Rocky Ford is *Abbott's Pearl*. It is yellow all over and all through. It is a beautiful little melon.

### Edward's Perfecto

Out in the commercial melon growing districts of the west they have melon breeding down to a fine point, and are producing varieties of a quality that was hardly thought possible a few years ago.

One of the new ones which proves to be unusually good is the *Edward's Perfecto*. It is the usual Rocky Ford size. You know they grow a melon to fit a standard sized shipping crate, rather than build a crate to fit the melon. It has very thick meat and a small seed cavity. In fact, you will be surprised at the weight of the melon when you pick it up.

It is heavily netted which is very important in a shipping melon, acting as a cushion and also prevents evaporation or wilting. The flesh is a salmon color, and of splendid quality. I don't know of anything that tastes any better than one of these little melons that has been grown on alfalfa or clover sod. We can fix you out on large or small quantities. Price per pkt., 10c; oz., 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb, 50c; lb, \$1.50.

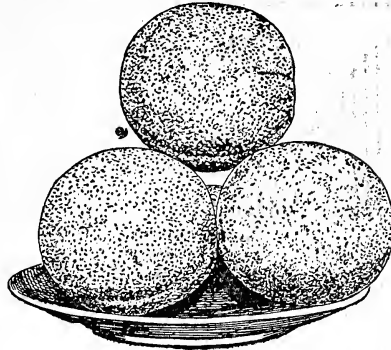


Edward's Perfecto

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## Field's Daisy Muskmelon

This new variety originated with Mr. Alfred Apfel, a market gardener, in the northern part of Iowa and combines more good points than any other melon I have ever grown, and I have had an extended experience with melons, both as market gardener and seedsman. It looks somewhat like Emerald Gem, but is larger, more uniform in size and shape, not so deeply creased, thicker meated, especially at the blossom end and much more saleable melon in every way. But above all other good points is its quality. I never tasted as good a melon in my life. It has the same rich orange-colored flesh as Osage, Emerald Gem, Perfection and Burrell's Gem, but is far superior to any of them. It fairly melts in your mouth and is good clear to the rind. The above picture shows the handsome outside appearance and uniform shape. In size they will average about six or seven inches in diameter and weigh about three pounds each. And they run absolutely uniform in size and appearance, too. A pile of fifty of them won't vary an inch in size. Is extremely early, which is exceptional for so large a melon. Pkt., 10c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75c.



Pollock Ten-Twenty-Five  
Honey Dew Casabas

These melons have a flavor all their own. Most people like them better than other cantaloupes. They are the melons that sell at such outrageously high prices in the cities. A dollar each is nothing unusual. They are 6 or 8 inches in diameter and have a smooth hard white rind. We have both the **Golden Fleshed Honey Dew** and **Green Fleshed Honey Dew**. Pkt. 10c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb, 75c.



Colorado Kleckley Sweet. An Extra Large and Early Kleckley.

## Colorado Kleckley Sweet

The finest stock of Kleckley Sweets I ever saw I run across out in Colorado one year when I was out there inspecting our seed crops. I happen to have a failing for melons and I believe I can spot a patch of good melons quicker than any one else.

They grow an especially fine strain out in this section of Colorado for the tourist trade at the summer resorts. They get such fancy prices that it makes the seed practically prohibitive. However during the past season they had an unusually large crop and it gave us a chance to jump in and get a little seed.

Everyone knows what the Kleckley is so picture in your mind the finest strain of this variety you ever saw and you will have a good idea of the stock we are offering. This stock produces lots of large melons 40 pounds or more in size. They are a solid green, slightly oblong, rind very thin and brittle and bright red flesh.

We have a melon grower here at Shenandoah who is particular about his seed

and we supplied him with a little of this that we were able to get last year and he was well pleased. We had an unusually large crop of melons here, same as elsewhere, and his melons sold above the market throughout the season and he did not have enough. Other melons sold at your own price almost.

Price 15c per pkt.; 25c per oz.; 75c per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.50 per lb.

## Boys Watermelon Collection

### A Whole Melon Patch for 20c

I want every boy in the country to have a watermelon patch of his own. There is nothing that fits a boy so well as a watermelon, and he might just as well grow them himself. I have taken about 25 kinds of watermelons and made a thorough mix of them—the boys can have a sample of all kinds in one patch. A single small packet of seed is not enough for a hungry boy to start with, so I am putting this up in big packages of over an ounce. I guess there must be enough in one of them for 100 hills of melons—50 hills, anyway. Will send them for 20c postpaid.

## Postpaid Prices Muskmelons

	Pkt. Oz. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb lb			
Banana. Long, yellow, fair quality	10	20	50	1.50
Burrells Gem. Extra fine pink meated	5	15	45	1.25
California Cream Cantaloupe. Large, old-fashioned yellow variety	5	15	45	1.25
Edward's Perfecto. A new salmon fleshed Rocky Ford	10	20	50	1.50
Emerald Gem. Medium sized, salmon-fleshed, fine quality	5	15	45	1.25
Extra Early Hackensack	5	15	45	1.25
Field's Daisy. Yellow flesh, high quality	10	25	75	2.50
Fordhook. Small, red flesh, fair quality	5	15	45	1.25
Greeley Wonder	10	25	75	2.50
Green Meated Nutmeg Medium size, early	10	20	50	1.50
Hackensack. Large, round, green flesh	5	15	45	1.25
Honey Dew. Green flesh	10	25	75	
Honey Dew. Golden flesh	10	25	75	
Abbotts Pearl. Yellow all over and all through	10	20	75	
Knights Early. Earliest of the Rocky Ford type	10	25	75	
Osage. Thick yellow flesh	5	15	50	1.50
Perfection. Large, yellow fleshed	10	20	60	2.00
Pollock Ten-Twenty-Five. Best pink meated Rocky Ford	10	20	50	1.50
Standard Rocky Ford	10	20	50	1.50

## Watermelons

### The Best Varieties

It is mighty hard to make a choice of watermelons. They are all good and I could be happy with any of them. I suppose there are something like three hundred varieties of the watermelons listed in all the catalogs put together, but I have managed to boil it down to about twenty, and of these I would hate to throw away any of them, for they all have many good points. Of course, a man always has his personal preference, and for myself I believe that the Kleckley Sweet class are the best of the lot. This includes *Kleckley Sweet*, *Colorado Kleckley Sweet*, *Halbert Honey*, *Tom Watson* and *Monte Christo*. These varieties are all more or less similar, and each variety has its friends who claim it is the best one of the lot. Taken as a class they are the sweetest, biggest, best melons in the whole list. They are all long, dark green, and extra fine quality.

The *Kleckley Sweet* is the original strain and is probably the best known. It is too brittle to ship and haul very far to market, but if you have a near-by market and customers who will appreciate good melons you can do well with it. Bright red flesh and white seeds.

The *Halbert Honey* is slightly longer, more slender in shape, and slightly darker green in color. The *Monte Christo* I find to be practically the same as the original strain. I can see no difference in the two.

*McIvor's Wonderful Sugar* is another main crop melon. It looks like the old Rattlesnake, but is of much better quality. Large and long, medium early.

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*(Watermelons Cont.)*

Handles well and is good either for market or home use.

The largest melon we grow is the new **State Fair** melon. It is the melon we showed at the Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas state fairs last fall and offered \$50 for a bigger one but didn't get to spend our money. It is a very large, and very solid melon, dark green skin, oblong shape, deep red flesh, and dark seeds. It ships well, eats well, and outsells any melon I ever saw. It is bound to be a great money maker, for it is hardy, yields well, is the largest melon we have ever grown, and is really good to eat—which is more than you can say of some of the big melons. Price, Pkt., 20c; oz., 35c; ¼ lb., \$1.00.



There's nothing fits a boy so well as a watermelon. These two "Tom Watsons" and my boy are "three of a kind." They are each about 40 pounds.

**Tom Watson** is also a good shipping melon. In fact, it is the leading variety among the big southern growers now. It is the largest melon I have ever grown, except the new **State Fair**. It is long but not a slender melon. It is shaped something like the **Kleckley**, fairly good quality; skin a mottled green, seed with a brown center and very often a good many entirely white. It has the toughest rind I ever saw, and a fairly thin rind, too.

A splendid melon that has both size and quality, is the **Giant Kleckley**. This is a true **Kleckley Sweet** except that it is larger and a little broader. Has the same **Kleckley** quality, and will sell as a **Kleckley** anywhere, but is larger, heavier and thicker through. I have never seen one with a gooseneck or a hollow, or a white heart. Has the typical dark green color and white seeds. Pkt. 15c; oz. 25c; ¼ lb. 75c.

Another good shipping melon is the **Alabama Sweet**, which is practically the same thing as **Carolina Bradford**. It

is an oblong striped melon with white seed and a tough rind. The quality is good. **Sweetheart** is a large, round, very light green melon that has built up a good reputation for itself in many local markets here in the north.

**Excell** is another big southern shipping melon, that has made a great success. It is very large, fair quality, and a good shipper. Long, oblong shape. If you want a showy melon, the **Irish Gray** is a good one. Very long, very light gray skin, bright red flesh, and a pretty good quality. It is used largely as a carlot shipper from Texas, and brings fancy prices.

There are very few yellow fleshed varieties, and good ones among them are still scarcer. To my notion this should not be for I think that a yellow fleshed melon looks cooler and is really more appetizing than a red fleshed melon. Some of our customers will have nothing else but a yellow flesh and for these folks we have a variety, the **Golden Honey**, that is just as good as any red fleshed melon you ever saw.

## Early Melons

The early varieties of melons are usually smaller than the standard varieties I have described, but are very valuable for use in the extreme northern states and for first market anywhere. The first among these to ripen will be **Cole's Early** and **Harris Early**. These resemble each other, but the **Harris** is the largest of the two and just as early. They are bright striped in two shades of green like **Kolb's Gem** and **Dixie**, but more round in shape. Have bright red flesh, black seeds. Quality, while not of the best, is good for an early melon.

**Phinney's Early** is another small melon, about the size of **Harris Early**, possibly a trifle more oblong in shape. As long as I could get **Harris Early** I would not bother with this one or **Cole's Early** as I consider **Harris Early** the best of the three.

The **Ice Cream** or **Peerless** is probably the best known and the most valuable among these early varieties. It is some later than the two mentioned above but much larger and better in quality. The skin is solid green in color, the shape mostly round and sometimes oblong. It is a popular variety and is selling heavier every year.

**Fordhook** is another variety somewhat resembling **ice cream**, but smaller and a lighter shade of green. The shape is about the same, flesh red, and both these melons have white seeds.

Following the **Ice Cream**, the **Florida Favorite**, a long melon, light striped, with red flesh and white seeds. This is an exceptionally good melon and grows to a good size.

Of course the **Princess** is also an early melon and is far ahead of any of the others and is early and of good quality. They are the daintiest little melon you ever saw. They sell just as well with us as they did when we first introduced them. They are very sweet, flesh red,

and are ideal to serve in halves.

A distinct novelty in the melon line is the **Volga** or **Winter Watermelon**. We got it from Colorado where it had been introduced by the Russians who came to work in the beet fields. It will absolutely keep until Christmas or later with ordinary care. Besides all that, they are of delicious quality, fairly early, always uniformly good, and a good seller at any time.

It has the thinnest skin I ever saw on a melon. Often only ¼ inch. Melon all the way through. Perfectly round in shape, very sweet, small seeds, very prolific, a great money maker.

The **Sweet Siberian** is another "apple seeded" melon of delicious quality, early, and unique.

## Postpaid Prices on Melon Seeds

	Pkt.	Oz.	¼ lb.	lb.
<b>Alabama Sweets.</b> Long striped melon, good shipper	5	10	25	.75
<b>Golden Honey.</b> Best yellow fleshed	10	20	50	1.50
<b>Halbert Honey.</b> Long, dark green melon of finest quality	10	15	40	1.20
<b>Colorado Kleckley.</b> Selected strain, originated at Rocky Ford	10	20	50	1.50
<b>Kleckley Sweet.</b> Large, oblong, dark green skin, thin rind, red flesh	10	15	40	1.20
<b>Melvor's Wonderful Sugar.</b> Long striped; fine quality, good shipper	5	10	25	.75
<b>Monte Christo.</b> Similar to Kleckley	10	15	40	1.20
<b>Sweetheart.</b> Large, round, light green, good shipper	5	10	25	.75
<b>Tom Watson.</b> High quality, good shipper, large	10	15	40	1.20
<b>Boys' Watermelon Collection.</b> Large pkts.		20		
<b>Cole's Early.</b> Small, early, round, striped melon	5	10	25	.75
<b>Florida Favorite.</b> Medium-sized, long striped melon	5	10	25	.75
<b>Fordhook Early.</b> Rather short and blocky, solid red flesh	5	10	25	.75
<b>Harris Early.</b> Like <b>Cole's Early</b> , but earlier	5	10	25	.75
<b>Ice Cream or Peerless.</b> Med. early, med. sized, for home use	10	15	40	1.20
<b>Phinney's Early.</b> Very early, small fruit, oblong and striped	5	10	25	.75
<b>Princess.</b> Small, individual size	10	20	50	1.50
<b>Irish Gray.</b> Large, long, light gray, good shipper	5	15	40	1.20
<b>Excell.</b> Large, oblong, good shipper and good quality	10	15	40	1.20
<b>State Fair.</b> Very large	20	35	1.00	
<b>Giant Kleckley.</b> Like the <b>Kleckley</b> but larger	15	25	75	
<b>Sweet Siberian.</b> Apple seeded and early	15	25	75	
<b>Volga.</b> The winter melon	20	35	1.00	

## Melons and Potatoes

Try this. It worked with us. Plant an early variety of potatoes, skipping every third row, rows 3½ feet apart. This will make the melon rows 10½ feet apart with two rows of potatoes between. Plant the melon seed later and thin to a plant about every six feet. If you will harvest the potatoes as soon as they are ripe you can get them out before the melon vines will bother, otherwise they should be left until the melon crop is harvested.

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# Radishes



Early Round Dark Red

## Varieties

It is really hard to say which is the best variety of radishes. The different markets have different ideas about this, and if you expect to plant heavily of radishes for market, you should first find out what sort of a radish sells best in your particular market.

Probably the earliest class of radishes are the little round ones. This includes the *Early Bird*, *Early Round Dark Red*, *Scarlet Turnip*, *White Tipped* and *Early Scarlet Globe*. These are all very early, very tender and very sweet, almost round and bright red with often more or less of a white tip. *Early Bird* and *Early Scarlet Globe* are practically the same radish, solid, bright scarlet in color, and more of a perfect globe in shape. In most markets it is the best seller.

The *Scarlet Turnip* and *Scarlet Turnip White Tipped* are more flattened or turnip shaped, one being scarlet and the other red with white tip. The *Sparkler* is a very fine special strain of the same variety, having a remarkably clean bright color, and perfect shape and appearance. *Crimson Marble* is a perfect ball in shape and a deep red color. It is very early and always sells well. In early radishes of slightly longer oval or half-long shape, we have the *French Breakfast* and *French Forcing* or *Paris Beauty*.

The *French Breakfast* is the well known, white-tipped, half long, early radish, very tender, but gets pithy quickly. The *French Forcing* is the one I sent out free for two or three years. It is a good radish, bright red, oblong, very early and very sweet. Does not last long but is such good eating you won't give it a chance to last. As a rule it is not as much of a forcing variety as its name might indicate. For a forcer use *Non Plus Ultra*, a beautiful little round bright radish with small tops

and just the thing to plant in your hot-bed for the first real early radishes. Just as good for outdoor planting.

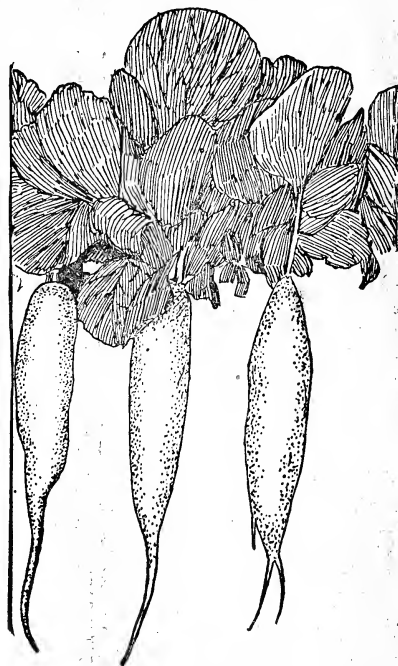
Among the round white varieties the only one of importance is *Round White*, which is about as early as the round red varieties. Really there is not enough difference in earliness to speak of. In quality, also, there is very little difference, if any. It is more a matter of whether you prefer a red or white radish. *Crimson Giant* is an early red radish, looking much like the old *Early Scarlet Globe*, but more perfect in shape and color and much larger. It comes in nearly as early as the first early, but keeps on growing and remains tender, solid and sweet until it gets as large as a teacup or larger. I have sold from them sometimes nearly a month from one sowing.

The *Long Bright Scarlet* is not as long as *Long Scarlet* and a much brighter red, shading to white toward tip. It makes a good appearance when bunched ready for market. The *Chartier* is some later and larger. Is not as bright red as *Long Brightest Scarlet* nor as dark a red as *Long Scarlet*. It is between the two in both color and shape. It stands well through the summer. The most popular long red radish is the *Long Scarlet*. It is long, slender, dark red, and very tender. For a long radish it has very few tops and is called by some *Long Scarlet Short Top*.

The *Icicle* is probably the most tender and sweetest of all the long radishes and the earliest. The one thing against it is the white color. Most people seem to prefer, for some reason, the red radishes. But if you do not object to the color, the *Icicle* is the one you should grow. It is very early. Another long, white radish is the *Lady Finger*. Compared with the *Icicle*, it is larger, later, and will stand longer without getting pithy. The *Strasburg* is a very large, white radish, very late and egg shaped, and never gets pithy. Often grows to weigh seven or eight pounds and can be cooked like a turnip. It is the kind to grow if you want something that will stand all summer.

For the home garden many people prefer a mixture of radishes, so I have for years made what we call the *All Season's Mixture*, which is a mixture of all the different kinds of radishes, mostly early ones. I have sold this mixture ever since I started in the seed business, and it has always given great satisfaction.

For winter radishes the ones you can sow in the fall at turnip sowing time and have for fall and winter use, the best kind is the *Chinese Rose Winter*. This is a good sized radish when ready to pull, being six or seven inches long and about two inches in diameter. It has more or less of a stump root instead of being pointed. It is pink and makes a nice appearing radish. The *Mikado* or *Chinese White Winter* is another good one, white instead of pink. They grow to a large size without getting pithy and can be kept through the winter.



Icicle Radish

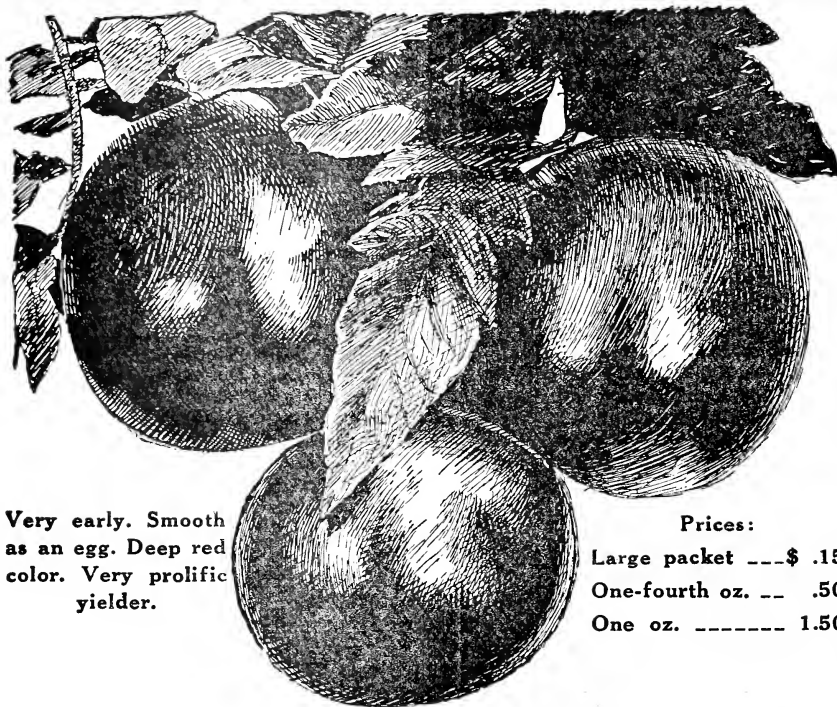
These are the most tender and possibly the earliest of all radishes. Pure white, tender, mild, quick growing.

## Postpaid Prices on Radish Seed

Pkt. Oz. ¼ lb lb

<i>Non Plus Ultra</i> . Very early forcing. Round bright red, small tops.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Crimson Giant</i> . Grows large and remains tender and sweet.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Crimson Marble</i> . Slightly flattened, globe-shaped; uniform.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>Early Round Dark Red</i> . Early, mild and sweet.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Early Scarlet Globe</i> . Bright red, comes quick.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Early Bird</i> . Similar to above.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>French Breakfast</i> . Very early; gets pithy quick.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Round White</i> . Best round white sort.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>Scarlet Turnip White Tip</i> . A very pretty early round radish.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Sparkler</i> . Special strain of above.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Chartier</i> . Long, red, good quality.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>French Forcing</i> or <i>Paris Beauty</i> . Half long, bright scarlet, very early.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>Icicle</i> . Early, crisp, sweet, medium long, white.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Lady Finger</i> . Long white. Main crop.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Long Brightest Scarlet</i> . Intense bright scarlet.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>Long Scarlet</i> . Large, medium late, good variety.....	5	15	40	1.00
<i>Strasburg</i> . Large, half long, white, good summer radish.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>All Seasons</i> . All of the above and more in mixture.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>Chinese Rose Winter</i> . Standard for winter use.....	10	15	40	1.00
<i>Chinese White Winter</i> or <i>Mikado</i> . Very large; similar to above.....	5	10	30	.90
<i>Nerima</i> . Large, long white, Japanese winter variety.....	10	25		

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Very early. Smooth as an egg. Deep red color. Very prolific yielder.

#### Prices:

Large packet ---\$ .15  
One-fourth oz. -- .50  
One oz. ----- 1.50

## The Redhead Tomato

### A New Tomato That is Different and Better

For eight years I have been hunting for an early tomato better than Field's Early June which I first introduced in 1909 and now have it in the new "Redhead." The Early June has made good everywhere and has proven all that was ever claimed for it, but there was never anything so good but what there was eventually something better, and that has proven to be the case with the early June. It is good, but the "Redhead" is better.

During this eight years I suppose I tried out 1,000 different strains of early tomatoes on our trial grounds. Customers sent in hundreds of them and I tried out all the crack sorts offered by other seed houses but none proved better than Early June except this one. And unless it was better than Early June there was no use offering it. I first heard of this tomato two years ago in an odd way. I bought some canned tomatoes from a customer of mine who runs a home canner in connection with his market garden. They were so solid, meaty, high colored and fine-flavored, that I immediately wrote to know what kind they were. Here is his reply:

"I certainly appreciate your kind letter, and note that you are stuck on our tomatoes. Now, Field, I am going to tell you a tomato story. The tomatoes you got are only second grade. We had about an acre of these tomatoes, a private early variety of my own, and we sold over \$600 worth of early tomatoes

from it and then canned 2,000 cans of first grade, besides a few second grade, all from that one acre. Now this sounds rather fishy, but I have the proof to back it up. The flavor of this tomato far exceeds anything I have ever found in my 20 years of market gardening, and I never saw anything in the tomato line that would compare with it in earliness, yield, smoothness and color."

Of course I was interested and he sent me some plants for the trial grounds and sent Frank some for his market garden. They proved to be away ahead of everything else we had, but we tried them out another year to make sure, and they did it right over again.

So we paid the originator \$500 to save us a sack of extra-select seed from his first pickings, and we have it in the house now ready to divide with you.

**Description**—This tomato is a deep blood red, not yellowish nor purple, but just red. It is almost a globe, a little flattened, never rough or wrinkled. The photograph shows this exactly. Does not crack easily and seems practically resistant to blight. Foliage and vine medium, neither light nor heavy. Cuts very solid, almost like Ponderosa. Very early, at least as early as anything on the market, and much bigger and better than any first early. Ripens clear to stem, solid color. Keeps bearing till late.

This is the greatest money maker of all tomatoes. We have lots of letters like the one in the next column. You can do as well.

**Prices**—Large packet, 15c; one-fourth ounce, 50c; 1 ounce, \$1.50.

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## Early Varieties of Tomatoes

Of course I don't believe there is any tomato made so good as my *Field's Early June* and *Redhead*, which I have described fully on another page. But there are lots of other good varieties of tomatoes, each one of which has some particular point of excellence.

Generally speaking, the best first-early tomatoes outside of *Early June* and *Redhead*, is the *Earliana*. It is of good size, fairly smooth, good quality and ripens an enormous amount of fruit very early. Later in the season the big main crop tomatoes go ahead of it, but for the first three weeks of the season, when tomatoes are high priced and taste good, they will turn out lots of fruit. The *Earliana* is a scarlet or fire red color. In some markets this is an advantage, while others prefer a purple or pink tomato, or as it is sometimes called, flesh-colored.

While the *Earliana* is a fine tomato and a great money-maker in most markets, it would lose you money in a market that demanded a purple tomato. In such case you should plant *June Pink*, *Acme* and *Beauty*. *June Pink* is best described as a pink *Earliana*, as it has the same light, slender vine, is early and bears fairly well. It is not so large and smooth, however, as *Acme*, which for that reason is generally chosen by southern truckers as the variety to grow to ship north. *Acme* is a purple variety, very smooth, nice, medium size and very early. *Beauty* is very similar, but even larger; is a smooth, solid, fine flavored tomato, almost as large as *New Stone*, but purple color. Where markets call for purple or flesh-colored tomato, this is a fine one to grow; is good size, fine appearance, medium early.

Another purple early tomato is the *Dwarf Champion*. This is especially desirable in some places on account of its dwarf stocky bush and holds the tomatoes up off the ground and does not run to vine in extra rich soil.

(See next page for prices)

## \$950 Tomatoes on 1/4 Acre

"I am enclosing a picture of eight rows of *Field's Red Head Tomatoes*, comprising one-fourth of an acre, from which I have gathered 9,000 lbs. of fruit this year, which possibly may be a record yield for that area. The rows are 4½ ft. apart, and the plants set 18 inches apart in the row. They were kept pruned and were topped when 5 ft. high, to hasten the maturity of the crop. They were cultivated frequently and irrigated when the rainfall was not sufficient. I received \$950 for the crop, relatively all of which was sold at wholesale for cash to grocers of this city. I sold only 10 per cent direct to the consumer at the retail price and they called for them at the house, for I have learned that it is more profitable to sell them in larger quantities to grocers. The people of Marshall are convinced that the *Red Head Tomato* is the greatest tomato in existence. Very truly,"

—Virgil R. Lawless, Marshall, Mo.



### Field's Early June Tomato

Packet, 10c; ½ oz., 35c; 1 oz., 60c;

This tomato originated with Rev. W. H. Rust, who lives about thirty miles from here, just across the line in Missouri. He is a country parson of the old circuit rider type. He has two country charges, a little five acre farm, and a passion for gardening. His special hobby is tomatoes. For several years he has been trying to get a tomato that would be earlier and better than anything in the list. The *Early June Tomato* is the result of his twenty years of patient experimenting. When he first brought me some of the tomatoes I thought it was a Stone he had till I cut them open, when it was easy to see I was wrong. When I found he had been selling them since June 14 and was getting practically double price on account of high quality I began to get interested.

It is earlier than Earliana, as smooth

¼ lb., \$1.90; 1 lb., \$6.50.

and handsome as Stone, and more prolific than either one.

I am not going to give any long description of the tomato, as that one line tells the whole story. It looks like Earliana and has much the same kind of a vine, but is a little earlier, is smoother, redder and much solidier. Very mild sweet flavor, instead of the somewhat sour taste so common in early tomatoes. It bears much heavier than any other early tomato. It looks just like Stone for shape and color, possibly not quite so large. Flesh is solid and seedless as Ponderosa, and you know that's the limit.

**A Money Maker.** Just think what it would mean to have tomatoes ahead of anyone else, and much finer ones, too. Rev. Rust sold over \$100 worth from 102 vines in the parsonage garden.

Beauty, but golden yellow.

Another yellow tomato is *Yellow Ponderosa*, a very large variety, in fact as large as the pink Ponderosa that we are familiar with. This is a new introduction and worth a trial.

**Bonny Best** is a splendid second early tomato classed by some as an early sort. It is much larger than most early or intermediate varieties. If you know what the New Stone looks like you will have a good idea of the general appearance of this tomato. It is perfectly smooth, solid, and ripens a heavy crop.

**Chalk's Early Jewel** is a smooth, bright red, early tomato. A little deeper color than the Earliana, not quite so early, but larger.

The *John Baehr* is something like Chalk's Early Jewel being an early or second early red tomato, of good quality and yield. Price 5c, oz. 35c.

Many are troubled with tomato wilt which cannot be controlled by spraying. The Department of Agriculture developed the *Norton*, which is practically immune from this disease. It is a main crop red like Stone. Price 10c, oz. 50c.

### Postpaid Prices on Tomato Seed

	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Redhead</i> . Very early, large, bright red, ¼ oz. 50c-----	15	1.50
<i>Field's Early June</i> . Good size, smooth solid red, productive-----	10	60
<i>Pink Early June</i> . Smooth, medium-sized, compact bush, good bearer-----	10	60
<i>Earliana</i> . Standard, early red-----	10	35
<i>June Pink</i> . Early, somewhat rough-----	5	35
<i>Norton</i> . Wilt resistant-----	10	50
<i>John Baehr</i> . Early red-----	5	35
<i>Bonny Best</i> . Good size, fairly early, red fruit-----	10	35
<i>Dwarf Champion</i> . Early pink tree-----	5	35
<i>Chalk's Early Jewel</i> . Strong grower, smooth, red tomato-----	5	35
<i>Acme</i> . Second early, pink tomato, good shipper-----	5	35
<i>Golden Beauty</i> . Main crop, yellow variety-----	10	35
<i>Beauty</i> . Main crop, pink, large, good canner-----	5	35
<i>Mississippi Girl</i> . Large, smooth, bright red-----	10	60
<i>New Stone</i> . Good size, solid, bright red; good canner-----	10	35
<i>Matchless</i> . Large, smooth, dark red-----	10	35
<i>Livingston's Globe</i> . Medium size-----	5	35
<i>Ponderosa</i> . Solid and meaty, very large, pink-----	10	45
<i>Yellow Pear</i> . Standard preserving-----	10	50
<i>Yellow Ponderosa</i> -----	10	45

### Mississippi Girl Tomato

One of the best canning tomatoes we have ever found is the *Mississippi Girl*. It is named in honor of the canning club girls of Mississippi, who made a great success with it and won all sorts of prizes. It is of the New Stone type, big, red, smooth, solid, and sweet. It is especially valuable in the south on account of its apparent ability to stand extreme hot, dry weather, and still holds its size, quality and color. Price, pkt., 10c; oz., 60c.

## Main Crop Varieties of Tomatoes

For main crop tomatoes there is nothing to equal the *New Stone*. This is the best representative of the Livingstone type of big, solid, "beefy", smooth red tomatoes. It is the earliest of any of the large tomatoes, always smooth and remarkably free from rot. It is solid-meated, of good flavor and very prolific. In most localities this is the only one the canning factories will allow grown for them. It holds up its size clear to the end of the season and after it once gets started bearing will bear heavily and continuously until frost.

*Matchless* is a very similar variety, large, solid blood-red tomato, suitable for main crop or canning.

If you want an extra large, showy tomato of very high quality, however, there is nothing equal to the Ponderosa class of tomatoes. This includes Ponderosa, Crimson Cushion, Beefsteak, Majestic, Tenderloin and several others. Most of these, however, are simply *Ponderosa*, under another name, and for that reason we don't use anything but the regular straight *Ponderosa*. It is a very large tomato, almost seedless, sometimes a

little rough, but is certainly the largest of all and the finest of all.

There is also a dwarf or bush form of Ponderosa which is sold under several different names, but is best named simply Dwarf Ponderosa. It is supposed to be the Ponderosa on a Dwarf Champion bush, but with us has been late and a very shy yielder, and I would not recommend it.

A great tomato for the south is the *Mississippi Girl* which is described in detail in next column.

Another tomato that is grown largely in the south, especially for shipping, is the *Livingston Globe*. It is a very fine purple tomato, globe shaped and good every way.

Of the small tomatoes for preserving or for sweet pickles, probably the best one is the *Yellow Pear*. A small, pear-shaped yellow tomato which seems very hardy and yields enormously. *Yellow Plum* is very similar but slightly different in shape. There is also a larger yellow tomato known as *Golden Beauty*. This is a round smooth tomato of very much the same size and shape as

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### Vegetables

	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Chicory</i> . Large rooted. A good substitute for coffee -----	5	25
<i>Citron</i> . Red Seeded. Small, striped preserving melon -----	10	15
<i>Citron</i> . Green Seeded. Much the same as the other in size and shape, but green -----	10	15
<i>Endive</i> . Green Curled. Tie the top of leaves together and bleach -----	5	20
<i>Endive</i> . Broad leaved Batavian -----	10	20
<i>Garden Lemon or Vine Peach</i> . For preserves, prepare same as Citron -----	10	30
<i>Garlic</i> . Tastes like onion only more so. Per bulb, 5c; pound, 40c. -----	10	50
<i>Ground Cherry</i> . Yellow -----	10	50
<i>Kohl Rabi</i> . White Vienna. Looks like a cross between cabbage and turnips and is better eating than either one. Grow it just like cabbage -----	10	35
<i>Leek</i> . Large Flag. Used for soup -----	5	20
<i>Okra</i> . Mixed. Very popular in the south. Gather pods when young and tender -----	5	15
<i>Parsley</i> . Moss Curled. Used for garnishing and seasoning -----	10	20
<i>Rhubarb or Pieplant</i> . -----	5	15
<i>Sunflower, Mammoth Russian</i> . Grown for chicken feed. Pint equals about 1/2 lb. 1/2 lb at the lb rate ----- 1/4 lb 10c; lb, 30c.		
<i>Tobacco Dust</i> . Per lb 20c; 3 lbs. 50c postpaid; 12 lbs, express not prepaid, \$1.00.		
<i>Tobacco, White Burley</i> . Fine, all purpose variety -----	10	40
<i>Brussels Sprouts</i> . Diminutive cabbage heads form along the main stalk -----	5	25
<i>Collards</i> . Cabbage leaves without heads. Popular in the south -----	5	15
<i>Kale</i> . Dwarf. Belongs to cabbage family. Fine for greens -----	5	25
<i>Kale</i> . Tall. Same as above, but 2 to 3 feet high -----	5	25
<i>Mustard, Black</i> . Very early. Goes to seed soon -----	5	15
<i>Mustard, Chinese Curled</i> . Leaves curled and crumpled -----	5	15
<i>Mustard, Ostrich Plume</i> . Well named -----	5	15
<i>Mustard, White</i> . Grown for seed -----	5	15
<i>Spinach, Bloomsdale Savoy</i> . Very early. 1/4 lb, 25c -----	5	10
<i>Spinach, Giant Thick Leaf</i> . Later than above and stands longer without going to seed, 1/4 lb, 25c -----	5	10
<i>Swiss Chard Lucullus</i> . Large, fleshy crumpled leaf. Fine for greens during summer. 1/4 lb, 50c -----	5	15

### Mushrooms

Mushrooms can be grown with fair to good success by those who will take the pains to do the work right and have patience to overcome a possible failure or two at first. I do not advise the growing of mushrooms commercially with the expectation of making a lot of money off of them until you have had some experience.

**Lambert's Pure Culture Spawn** is received absolutely fresh at frequent intervals from the manufacturer. This spawn will produce mushrooms of a specific variety, selected with special reference to size, color and prolificness. It absolutely eliminates all danger of raising poisonous mushrooms.

Each brick weighs from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds, and will spawn 10 square feet of beds. Sold by the brick. Standard brick, 40c; 3 bricks, \$1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, 10 bricks, \$3.00.

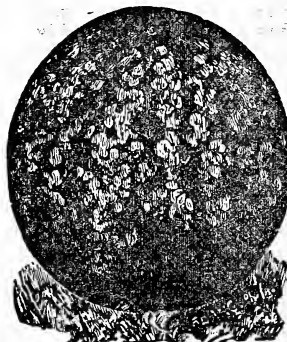
Market gardeners and other large buyers, ask for special wholesale prices.

### Herbs

	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Anise</i> . Annual. Used for garnishing, seasoning and for cordials. Seeds have an agreeable aromatic taste. Use dry seed -----	10	
<i>Balm</i> . Perennial. Leaves used for making Balm Wine. A pleasant beverage and tea used in fevers. Use dry leaves and seed -----	05	
<i>Sweet Basil</i> . Annual. Leaves used for flavoring soups, stews, etc., also for garnishing. Use dry leaves and seed -----	05	
<i>Borage</i> . Annual. Leaves used for salad. Bees gather nectar from flowers which are very aromatic. Flower spikes used in cool drinks -----	05	
<i>Caraway</i> . Biennial. Seed used for flavoring breads, pastry, meats, etc. Also used in confectionary and medicines. Use seed -----	10	
<i>Coriander</i> . Annual. Seed aromatic and used for flavoring and in the manufacture of liquor and confectionary. Leaves used for garnishing -----	05	
<i>Dill</i> . Annual. Seeds used for flavoring dill pickles. Also in soups and sauces -----	10	20
<i>Hoarhound</i> . Perennial. Leaves used for flavoring and in the manufacture of cough remedies. Use dried leaves -----	10	
<i>Lavender</i> . Perennial. An aromatic medical herb grown chiefly for its flowers which are used in making perfume. Dried leaves put up in paper bags, used to perfume linen and keep out moths -----	10	
<i>Sweet Marjoram</i> . Annual. Dried leaves and shoots used for flavoring -----	05	
<i>Rosemary</i> . Perennial. Leaves used for seasoning. The oil from the flower in perfumery -----	10	
<i>Summer Savory</i> . Annual. Plant aromatic. Leaves, young shoots used for flavoring, especially with boiled string beans -----	10	
<i>Sage, Mammoth Broadleaf</i> . Perennial. Use dried leaves for seasoning meats and so on, and for medicinal purposes -----	10	35
<i>Thyme</i> . Perennial. Young leaves and shoots used for soups, dressings and so on, either green or dry. Thyme tea, a cure for nervous headaches -----	10	
<i>Wormwood</i> . Perennial. A medicinal herb. Beneficial for poultry and should be planted in every poultry yard -----	10	

### Kohl Rabi

This vegetable looks like a cross between a cabbage and a turnip and is better eating than either one. The leaves look like cabbage only smaller. It makes a sort of turnip, but above ground. Grow it just like cabbage. It is fine eating, more delicious and tender than any turnip. The variety we use is the *White Vienna*. Per pkt. 10c; oz. 35c.



### Citrons

These are a hard-meated sort of a melon grown for preserves. The meat never gets soft as in a watermelon, but is hard and can be cut in pieces and stewed for preserves. Grows just like a melon and yields enormously.

#### Postpaid Prices on Citron

	Pkt.	Oz.
<i>Citron</i> . Red seeded -----	10	15
<i>Citron</i> . Green seeded -----	10	15

## Standard Drill and Double Wheelhoe Combined

**No. 9 Complete, \$16.50.** This tool will deliver seed in drills and by shifting one part only will drop in hills 4, 6, 8, 12 and 24 inches apart. Index for regulating flow of seed in plain view and easily adjusted with brass thumb screw. Shoe has a special V-shaped bottom and is adjustable for depth up to 2 inches. Seeder is driven by steel chain which has ample adjustment at forward end of wheel-arms. Equipment includes four cultivator teeth, one pair of hoes, one pair of plows and two leaf guards. Will plant and tend anything in the garden.

### Improved for 1924

There have been some splendid new improvements on this No. 9 drill for this year, making now, without doubt, the best drill on the market. It has a new gauge and cut off, is easy to empty and clean, spaces accurately, and plants to the last seed. It has been good in these points before but is still better now.

If you are going to plant a crop of onions to sell, or any other garden crop, for that matter, this is the drill and wheelhoe to use.

**No. 9, Standard Drill and Double Wheelhoe, \$16.50 complete as shown.**

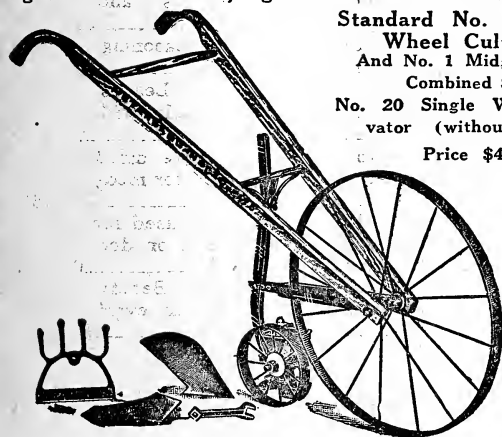
Good garden tools are an enormous help in making garden, and will pay for themselves the first season, and then some. Plant in long, straight rows and tend this way and you will have better garden and less work. These Standard tools are Iowa made, designed right, and put up right. We absolutely guarantee them. Better invest.

### Standard No. 20 Single Wheel Cultivator

And No. 1 Midget Seeder  
Combined \$8.50

**No. 20 Single Wheel Cultivator (without drill)**

**Price \$4.50**



For a single wheel cultivator the Standard No. 20 shown in the picture above is a mighty good one. It is light weight, easy running, and is very easily adjusted. The picture above shows it with the Little Midget drill attached, and it also shows the different attachments alongside.

The high wheel (24 inch) makes it run easy and balance and steer well. By loosening one wing nut, without the use of a wrench, the handles are adjustable to any height, or to any depth for the cultivation.

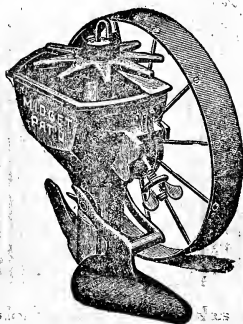
The tool is guaranteed satisfactory and you can make no mistake in buying it. **Price complete as shown, (without drill), \$4.50.**

### No. 1 Midget Seeder—\$4.00

The Little Midget is the handiest little drill I ever used. It is very light in weight, easy to lift about or to empty, easy and very simple to regulate the feed. The feed is entirely different from anything else made. The plan is really better than the feed of the larger drills which we handle. There is no brush to wear out. It is not exactly a force feed, but next to it.

Can furnish this drill equipped with a handle at \$4.50. The drill alone \$4.00. The drill and No. 20 wheelhoe combined \$8.50.

Easily the best drill on the market for the price, and in these days when price counts, it's worth buying.



### Standard Two-Wheeled Double Cultivator

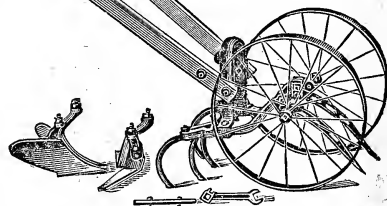
**No. 13—With Complete Attachment \$8.85**

**Drill Attachment \$7.65 extra**

**Shipping Weight, Boxed, 40 Pounds**

This No. 13 Cultivator shown here is the same as the combined tool No. 9, except that it does not have the drill attachment but has all the cultivator parts complete. If you buy this and later decide that you want to use it as a drill you can buy the drill attachments separately for \$7.65, then you would have the regular No. 9 which sells at \$16.50. It is light weight, yet strong enough to last a life-time; can be changed in a minute from a double wheel, for cultivation astride the rows, to a single sixteen inches high and attachments the proper shape, a child can run the tool. It is possible to save the price of this tool in one day, when compared with the old-fashioned hoe.

**No. 13 With plows, hoes, cultivator teeth.....\$8.85**  
**No. 17 With hoes and cultivator teeth only.....\$8.00**



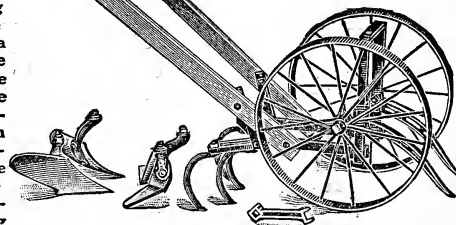
### Standard Spring Beam Double Cultivator

**Price as shown. \$8.00**

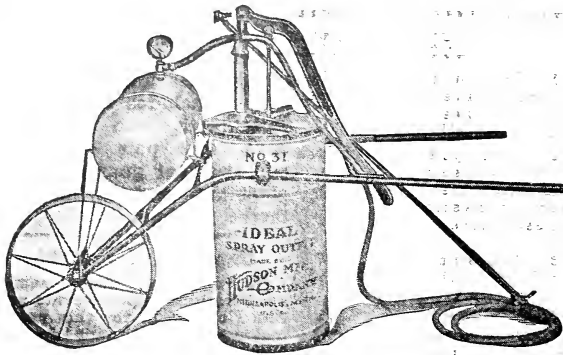
This spring beam, double wheel tool is a great favorite with all who use it, owing to the fact that the attachments when in use are entirely under the operator's control. The handles, being

bolted to the spring beams, allow them to be moved to and from each other very easily. In cultivating plants in hills the attachments can be worked in and out between the plants, just like cultivator gangs, doing the closest work possible to be done with a wheelhoe. The arch clears the ground fifteen inches and is adjustable in width from seven to eleven inches. Wheels are sixteen inches high, with one inch tires. All tools have oak handles with bent grips.

**No. 5 With plows, hoes, cultivator teeth.....\$8.00**  
**No. 7 With hoes and cultivator teeth only.....\$7.25**



# A PAGE OF GOOD SPRAY PUMPS



**Hudson Ideal Spray Pump, No. 33**

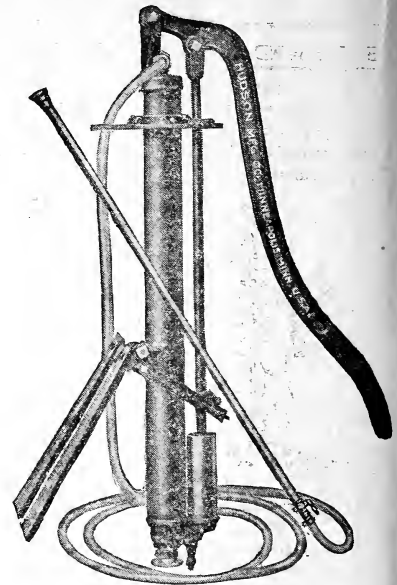
Price \$35.00 complete.

Fully equipped in every way. Extra good.  
Shipping weight 123 lbs.

even, high pressure. In fact, the operator can stop pumping and spray several minutes before the pressure is reduced enough to necessitate further pumping. This enables one man to operate it alone. He can pump awhile and then spray awhile. The pump is the regular No. 4 barrel pump, the same size that is used for mounting on a wagon. It has bronze ball valves, agitator and everything. It is equipped with 12 ft. of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch spray hose and 8 ft. pipe rod extension, angle ideal nozzle and leakless shut-off. Price, \$35.00 complete as described.

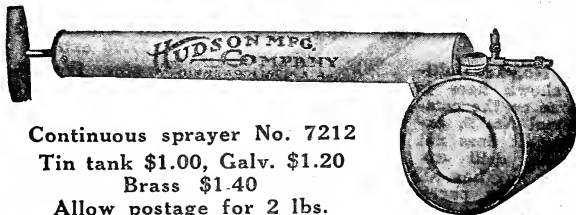
## Hudson Ideal Spray Pump

This No. 31 is portable or wheelbarrow type, very similar to the No. 3 but is of larger capacity, has a heavier pump, and air pressure tank, and is equipped with longer hose and an 8 ft. extension pipe. It has a 15 gallon heavy galvanized tank and is mounted on the wheelbarrow type of truck. The principle feature of it is the air-pressure tank, which enables the operator to maintain an



**Hudson Barrel Pump No. 4**

Complete with discharge equipment, \$16.00. Shipping weight 55 pounds. No. 4B—Pump only without equipment, \$10.00.

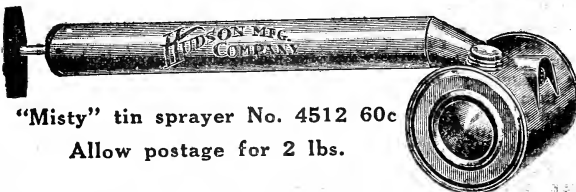


**Continuous sprayer No. 7212**

Tin tank \$1.00, Galv. \$1.20

Brass \$1.40

Allow postage for 2 lbs.



**"Misty" tin sprayer No. 4512 60c**

Allow postage for 2 lbs.

tank instead of galvanized or brass. If wanted by parcel post, add postage for 2 lbs., on any of these hand sprayers.

## Hudson Hand Sprayers

If you want a small cheap hand sprayer, we can furnish you the No. 202 Midget, a good tin hand sprayer, with about one pint capacity, for 50c. Or No. 4512, "Misty" tin sprayer, capacity 1 quart, at 60c. No. 7212 continuous sprayer, in tin, at \$1.00. This is very similar to the No. 25, but has a tin

**Hudson Bucket Spray Pump No. 122**

Is a very handy little spray pump exceptionally well built. It can be used with any ordinary bucket and will handle any kind of liquid, will make any kind of a spray you want, coarse and fine. and you can add extension pipe if you wish.

Price \$4.75. Add postage for 6 lbs. if wanted by mail.



**Bucket Pump No. 122. \$4.75**



**Hudson Junior Sprayer No. 140**

Galv. \$5.00, Brass \$8.00

Shipping weight 8 lbs.

This sprayer is very similar to Auto Spray No. 1, except that it is smaller in size, being  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gallon capacity. This is an advantage in one way, as it is lighter to carry, but it has to be refilled oftener. It is particularly adapted for the back-yard garden or small truck farm, or for use about the chicken house or hog pen. It will do any work that the larger models can, for it differs only in capacity, and costs from \$1.00 to \$1.50 less. Price with galvanized tank \$5.00 or with brass tank \$8.00. Allow postage for 8 pounds if wanted by mail.

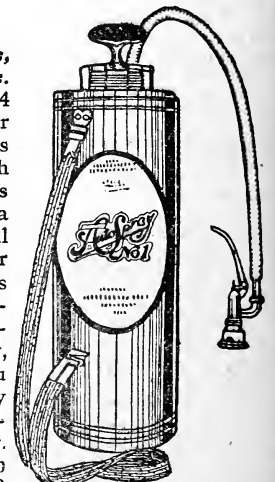
2 ft. Brass or 3 ft. Iron Extension. Price 50c.



## Auto Spray No. 1

Galvanized, \$6.50. Brass, \$9.00. Shipping wt., 15 lbs.

The body or tank holds 4 gallons, and is made of either galvanized steel or sheet brass as you prefer. It is fitted with special packing at the joints that will stand any kind of a solution. One pumping will give a continuous pressure for a considerable time. It is equipped with a patent non-clogging nozzle. By getting extension piping as shown below, you can spray small trees. You can do whitewashing, apply disinfectants, in fact, do anything you can with a sprayer. With 4 gal. galv. tank \$6.50 With 4 gal. heavy brass tank \$9.00



Ask for latest weekly price list on all kinds of Field Seeds.

# WANTED:

**50,000 Boys and Girls  
In the Seed Business With Me**

## BOYS AND GIRLS, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO INTO THE SEED BUSINESS WITH ME?

I have at the present time, 30,000 successful Junior Seedsmen, and want 20,000 more. It doesn't cost you one red cent to start, I will furnish the seeds for your start and give you a good, big



My first start in the  
Seed Business

share of the profits. When I started selling garden seeds, I was younger, probably than any of you, and didn't have anyone to start me in the business. Today the Field Seed Company is the largest mail order seed house in the world. If I started this large business of ours by selling garden seeds from house to house, why can't you do the same? Who knows but what this start that I am willing to give you, may some day land you at the top of the ladder in the seed world. Parents should encourage this proposition as it teaches the children to rustle for themselves, something they will have to learn sooner or later. We are offering this year, the same reliable, tested and guaranteed seeds that we have for the last 25 years. Since our seeds are so well known from coast to

coast, it will be an easy matter to sell them if you will let the people know that you are selling Henry Field's seeds. Lots of our agents sell as high as fifty and a hundred dollars worth of seeds, and I don't see why you can't do equally as well if you get an early start. All you need to do to take advantage of this proposition of mine is to fill out the application blank at the bottom of this page, send it in to me, and I will rush the seeds to you by return mail. After you sell the first box of seeds, I will send more as soon as you remit for the first box. I know you are honest, and I am willing to trust you with the seeds, as well as dividing the money. How does that suit you?

Henry Field.

P. S. If you are not interested in selling our seed, please give this page to some live boy or girl in your neighborhood. Thanks.

## HERE'S MY PROPOSITION

1. Fill out the coupon below and send it to me and I will send you at once by parcel post 10 of the 35c collections for you to sell. You need not send the money till they are all sold, but if you do not sell them within a month, you are to return them.
2. When you have sold ten collections you get one-third the total for your share, either in cash or one of the premiums. By buying these premiums in big quantities and getting the manufacturers interested in my plan for starting boys and girls in business, I have made your one-third cover the wholesale cost of each one.
3. You send me the \$3.50 you receive for the 10 collections and tell me which premium you want, and I will send it to you at once by parcel post, except in the case of some expensive premium requiring a little more work.
4. If you would rather have your share in cash, keep out your third and send the rest to me. I trust you to do the dividing.
5. In case you cannot sell the 10, sell all you can, return the rest by mail, keep one-third of the money and remit the rest.
6. The collections must all be sold at the same price, 35c. We believe in one price to everyone. It's the only way.

## OUR PREMIUMS

The premiums we offer you this season are better than ever before and we have a larger variety for you to select from. The market conditions have made premium buying very hard but we have made a nation wide search for suitable goods and I really believe you will have a hard time deciding which one you want, for no doubt you will want them all.

Every premium is fully guaranteed to be just as represented, and we are able to offer them for your share simply because we buy in enormous quantities direct from the factory. The stock we carry on hand is worth thousands of dollars.

Here's some of the premiums our new illustrated premium list will contain this season: Boy Scout Knife, Boys' Wrist Watch, Pocket Watch, Gold Automatic Pencil, Pencil Sharpener, Fountain Pens, Doll, Flag, Air Rifle, Bible, Dictionary Flashlight, Tool Kit, Lavalliere, Ring, Base Ball Outfit, Roller Skates, Camera, Manicure Set, Spotted Poland China Pig, Foot-Ball, Vanity Case and Neck-lace, Scholar's Companion and Story Book, Handbag and Handkerchiefs, Biscuits, Base Ball Suit, Parasol, 3 Piece Sauce Pan Set.

You will notice we have added quite a number of new premiums this year, and our premium list will be sent with your seeds. Send in your application today and get an early start. Don't wait until some other Junior Seedsmen has supplied your neighborhood.

## Junior Garden Seed Collection

As usual, we are offering our Junior Garden Seed Collection again this year. We have had an enormous demand for it ever since we introduced it 4 years ago, and the demand grows as people realize its excellent value and how nearly it fills the wants of small gardeners. This collection is going to be better this year than ever. The reason we offer this big collection for such a price is simply to get new customers acquainted with our seeds and allow us to get acquainted with new customers. The price is so low everyone will buy. Think of it! 10 packages for 35c.

And we are going to make the quality so good that it will be a living and growing advertisement for us all summer. The seed is all new crop, tested and vigorous—the kind you always get from us.

## A Whole Garden for 35 Cents For Either Town, City or Country

And of course we are putting in some flowers, for a garden isn't right unless it has flowers. Here's the list:

**Vegetables:** Cabbage, Radishes, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Beets, Muskmelons, Onions, Cucumbers.

**Flowers:** Asters and Sweet Peas.

One package each of the above varieties, 10 in all, for 35c. Can you beat it? Think what a fine garden for a boy or girl! We can't change the listed assortment as we can make this low price only by putting up the collection in enormous amounts a long way ahead. If you want other things you can order from regular list in catalog. Remember, these are no little skimpy sample packets, but real sure-enough garden size, and good tested seed of the very best varieties.

**Henry Field Seed Co.**  
Shenandoah, Iowa

Fill out this application. Send it to us.

Send no money with this.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me at once by parcel post the 10 collections of seed. I will do my best to sell them at 35c each, and if I do not sell them, will return them to you in good order. When they are sold, I will divide the money, keeping for my share one-third in money, or one of the premiums and will turn the other two-thirds over to you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Street, R. F. D., or Box No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever sold our seeds? \_\_\_\_\_

(Have your father, mother or guardian fill out this part)

To Parent or Guardian: Please write your name here so I will know that the boys and girls are consulting with you as they should, and that you understand the deal between me and the boy and girl.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Wholesale Net Prices January 1, 1924

GOOD TO FEB. 1, 1924  
(SUBJECT TO BEING UNSOLD)

Address all orders to **Henry Field Seed Co., Shenandoah, Iowa**

**We Want Early Orders**—So we have made these prices very low. We have the seed in the house, bought right, and up to Feb. 1, if possible, we will sell at these prices. When it is gone and we have to buy more at higher prices, you will have to pay more. Better buy now while the buying is good. Write for special quotations after Feb. 1, or send order and we will fill at lowest price.

These prices are the ones ruling at this time, and we hope to be able to continue them without change up to Feb. 1, but we will not promise positively to do so, as there are indications of sharp advances in many lines. It will be all right to order at these prices with understanding that there may be changes either way. Early orders are practically certain of getting filled at these prices. After February 1, ask for new price list.

These prices are f. o. b. Shenandoah, customer to pay the freight. If you want delivered prices we will make a special estimate for you on request.

No extra charge for sacks, except for wheat and rye. All other seeds sold "sacks weighed in." Remember this when comparing prices.

Prices are strictly net, spot cash; no discount.

Safe arrival guaranteed. We guarantee that all seeds will reach you in good order.

Sold on approval. These seeds are priced and sold with the understanding that if not found strictly satisfactory they may be returned at our expense and your money will be refunded. You can be the judge of quality.

Reference. First National Bank, Shenandoah, Iowa.  
Free Samples. We will gladly send free samples of any kind of seed quoted here.

Subject to Sale. All prices are subject to stock being unsold on receipt of order.

## YOUR MONEY'S WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK

It is mutually agreed and understood that any seeds or other goods ordered of us may be returned at any time within ten days after receipt if not satisfactory, and money paid for them will be refunded, but we do not, and cannot, in any way, warrant the crop, as it is dependent on so many conditions beyond our control.

HENRY FIELD SEED CO.

	Per 100 lbs.	Equals per bu.
<b>Alfalfa (Dry land northern grown, hardy)</b>		
Poor but Honest	\$15.00	\$ 9.00
Mixed Hardy, second grade	18.00	10.80
Midwest (Kan.-Nebr.)	25.00	15.00
Northwestern grown, hardy	27.00	16.20
Dakota No. 12, extra hardy	28.00	16.80
Grimm	50.00	30.00
Cossack, Super Hardy	55.00	33.00
<b>Clover Seed (60 lbs. per bu.)</b>		
Medium or Common Red	30.00	18.00
Mammoth Red	30.50	18.30
Alsike	22.00	13.20
White Dutch	65.00	39.00
Crimson Clover	20.00	12.00
<b>Sweet Clover (All hulled and scarified)</b>		
White Biennial	20.00	12.00
Yellow Biennial	20.00	12.00
New Grundy Co. White Biennial	25.00	15.00
HUBAM (Annual White)	40.00	24.00
<b>Timothy and Timothy Mixtures (45 lbs. per bu.)</b>		
Timothy, best home grown	11.00	4.95
Timothy-Alsike Mixture (20 per cent Alsike)	12.00	5.40
Timothy-Red Clover Mixture	14.00	6.30
Timothy-Mammoth Mixture	15.00	6.75
<b>Blue Grass</b>		
Kentucky Blue Grass	30.00	4.20
Canadian Blue Grass	32.00	4.48
English Blue Grass	18.00	
<b>Other Grasses</b>		
Red Top, fancy solid seed	20.00	2.80
Red Top, unhulled or rough seed	12.00	
Orchard Grass	25.00	3.50
Pacey's Rye Grass	18.00	2.52
Italian Rye Grass	18.00	2.52
Perennial Rye Grass	18.00	2.52
Bromus Inermis	15.00	2.10
Bermuda Grass	30.00	
Lawn Grass Mixture	40.00	
Shady Nook Lawn Grass	45.00	

	Per 100 lbs.	Equals per bu.
<b>Other Grasses Con't.</b>		
New Zealand Chewings Fescue	50.00	
Red Fescue	50.00	
Permanent Pasture Mixture	18.00	
Permanent Meadow Mixture	18.00	
Lowland Pasture Mixture	18.00	
<b>SUDAN</b>	10.00	
DWARF ESSEX RAPE	10.00	
<b>SUNFLOWER SEED</b>	12.50	
HOG PASTURE MIXTURE	8.00	
KAFFIR CORN AND MILO MAIZE	5.00	2.80
FETERITA	5.00	2.80
FODDER CANE	4.00	2.00
SYRUP CANE (Several varieties)	15.00	7.50
VETCH—Winter	22.00	13.20
<b>Soy Beans and Stock Peas (60 lbs. per bu.)</b>		
Soy Beans, Ito San, extra early, yellow	6.00	3.60
Soy Beans, Midwest, improved Med. Yellow	6.00	3.60
Soy Beans, Pekin, fine for ensilage, black	6.00	3.60
Soy Beans, Manchou, fine main crop, yellow	6.00	3.60
Soy Beans, Virginia, soiling and hay, brown	6.00	3.60
Soy Beans, Columbian, hogging down and hay	6.00	3.60
Cow Peas, Whippoorwill	7.00	4.20
Cow Peas, New Era	7.00	4.20
Cow Peas, Mixed	6.50	3.90
Canadian Field Peas	7.00	4.20
<b>Millet (50 lbs. per bu.)</b>		
Golden	5.00	2.50
Common or Fodder	4.50	2.25
<b>Small Grain</b>		
Spring Wheat, Marquis	Ask for prices	
Buckwheat	5.00	2.40
Oats, Iowa No. 103 (White Kherson)		1.00
Barley, bearded, \$1.25 per bu., lots under 5 bu.; \$1.10 lots 5 to 50 bu.; \$1, lots 50 bu. and over.		
<b>Broadcast Seeders</b>		
Cyclone, each (allow postage for 5 lbs.)		\$2.00
<b>PULVERIZED SHEEP MANURE</b>		2.55

These are wholesale prices, good for amounts of 10 pounds of a kind, or over. Add 2c per pound for amounts of 5 to 10 pounds. Add 5c per pound for amounts below 5 pounds.

## Special Bulletin!

**ALSIKE**—This is the cheapest clover we offer this month; takes but 6 pounds per acre, costs 22c per pound. Lasts for several years, makes fine hay and pasture. Price not advanced yet, but red clover will influence it later.

**KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS**—So cheap this fall you can thicken up your lawn and compel the wild grasses to leave. Our seed is heavy, new crop of high germination and purity. Never better. Fall and early spring a good time to sow. One pound to four hundred square feet.

**Don't Neglect to Inoculate at Planting Time**  
Your Clover—Alfalfa—Sweet Clover  
Soy Beans—and Cow Pea Seed

Inoculation is crop insurance for every legume you sow in the field, or the peas and beans in your garden, and sweet peas. It insures the seed, increases the yield and enriches the soil. See prices opposite.

Nitragin—(Bu. sizes instead of acre sizes)	
1/4 bu. size can	\$ .40
1/2 bu. size can	.60
1 bu. size can	1.00
5 bu. size can	4.75
Garden size, Peas and Beans only	.20

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**Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back**—It is mutually agreed and understood that any seeds or other goods ordered of us may be returned at any time within ten days after receipt, if not satisfactory, and money paid for them will be refunded, but we do not and can not in any way warrant the stand or the crop as they depend on so many conditions beyond our control. Henry Field Seed Co.

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<i>We like checks</i>		
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<i>O. K. if Registered</i>		
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**"If you wish your house to be a home it must have a garden 'round it."**

These are the regular beautiful type of Sweet Peas so well known to everyone. We have made up a collection of 8 of the best named varieties, separate colors covering the entire range of color, and then have added a packet of the best mixture, enough for a double row 50 feet long. *8 best named varieties, one full packet of each—1 pkt. Finest Eckfords Mixed—all for only 35c postpaid.*

These are the newest type of Sweet Peas, being hybrids from the beautiful Countess Spencer variety. They have wavy petals, are of largest size, long stems, and many flowers open at once. They continue in bloom for a long time, and, in short, are considered the finest of all Sweet Peas. We have made up a collection of 8 of the best sorts, and a packet of mixed hybrids, and offer them in a collection—

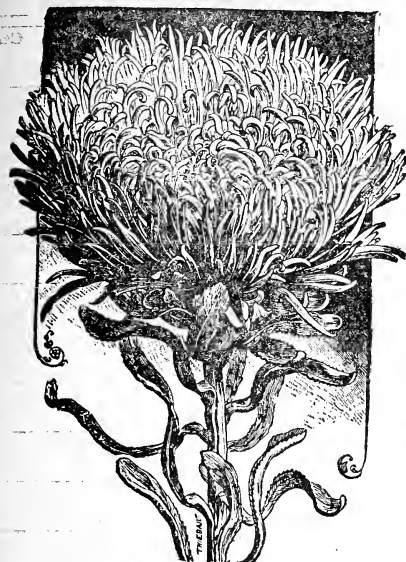
**8 best named Spencers, one full packet each—1 packet Spencer Hybrids Mixed—all for 50c. postpaid.**

These are the little wee fellows, about as big as a pea, from which we grow the blooming-size bulbs to sell a year from now. Some few of them will bloom this year, but all will grow and make a bulb that will bloom next year. These are from our best mixture. Most growers refuse to sell these bubblets, but I have decided to offer a limited amount of them at 200 for 35c or \$1.35 per 1,000, sent postpaid. I will send out with each package full directions for growing them to blooming size.

Of course you know about Seed Sense, and I hope you like to read it. It is sent the year around to customers whose orders amount to \$2.00 or over. To others it is 25c per year, and worth it.

If you are ordering \$2.00 worth or over, you need not ask specially for Seed Sense. It will come automatically. If it don't come—holler. If you don't order—send the two bits. Tell your friends about Seed Sense, and send me their names for free sample cones.

Henry Field.



## Asters

Of the flowers grown from seed, few are more satisfactory than asters. They are easily grown in any good soil, in any location, and by anyone. They will grow in open ground or in partial shade. They bloom at a time of the year when other flowers are scarce and from July till frost they furnish a wealth of bloom. The seed can be planted either in the open ground, hot bed or cold frame, or the plants may be started in a box in the house.

**Florists' Mixture of Asters** This is made up from the cream of the list, all tall-growing, long-stemmed sorts, principally white, pink, and red sorts, with a sprinkling of other delicate shades. This is the mixture to grow for cut flowers or extra fine ones for the home garden. Large pkt., 10c; trade pkt., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c; oz., \$1.75.

**Florists' White Asters.** Tall. Many flower-lovers prefer to have the white sorts by themselves, and for these I have made up a very fine mixture of tall, white asters from all the best known named sorts, such as Victoria, Crego, Giant Comet, Giant Branching, Peony-flowered and Ostrich Feather. Large pkt., 10c; trade pkt., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c; oz., \$1.75.

**Florists' Pink Asters.** Tall. Similar in quality to the Florists' White Asters described above, but containing only pink, flesh-colored and peach-blossom deep crimson. Large pkt., 10c; trade pkt., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50c; oz., \$1.75.

**Florists' Red Asters.** Tall. This is the deep red section of the same extra-fine grade. Colors are various shades of deep red ranging from cherry to deep crimson. Large pkt., 10c; trade pkt., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c; 1 oz., \$1.75.

**Florists' Blue Asters.** Tall. Same extra fine quality as the other Florists' Mixture of Asters, but covering the blue shades, ranging from light blue or lavender to sky-blue and royal blue. Large

pkt., 10c; trade pkt., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c; 1 oz., \$1.75.

**Florists' Mixture of Extra Early Asters.** Dwarf. This mixture is made up from the best extra-early or June-flowering asters. They cover the whole range of color but run stronger on whites, pinks and reds. Large pkt., 10c; trade pkt., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c; 1 oz., \$1.75.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** One large packet each of the six mixtures, 50c. With these six separate mixtures of Florists Asters you would be well fixed for commercial aster growing and most wonderful of flowers that could be imagined.

**Queen of the Market.** A fine strain of early asters specially valuable for commercial work. Mixed, all colors. Pkt., 10c; 3 pkts., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 75c.

**Peony-Flowered Perfection.** Probably the largest aster of any. Large tall plants, and enormous peony-shaped flowers, 3 to 4 inches across. Mixed, all colors. Pkt., 5c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 25c.

**Giant Comet or Poodle.** Just like a Japanese Chrysanthemum. Enormous flowers, 3 to 4 inches across, with long twisted, curling petals. Very fine. Mixed, all colors. Pkt., 10c; 3 pkts., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 75c.

**Simple's Giant Branching.** Late flowering, very large and graceful. Borne on a branching upright bush. Very free-flowering. Mixed, all colors. Pkt., 5c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 25c.

**Choice Mixed.** A good mixture of asters, containing all colors, shapes and sizes. Pkt., 5c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 25c.

**Tall Mixed.** A good mixture of all the tall sorts. Pkt., 5c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 25c.

**White Mixed.** All kinds, shapes and sizes of asters, all pure white. Pkt., 5c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 25c.

**ALYSSUM, SWEET.** For borders, beds or walks. Covered with delicately fragrant snowy white blossoms. 10c.

**ALYSSUM, GOLDEN TUFT.** Low growing perennial. 5c.

**AGERATUM.** Floss Flower. Attractive feathery flowers borne in clusters. Blue or white. 5c.

**ANNUAL EVERGREEN HEDGE.** When you want a hedge in a hurry, there is nothing to beat the Annual Evergreen. It grows easily from seed, and makes a hedge in eight or ten weeks. Turns a bright red in autumn. Ounce 25c, pkt. 5c.

**BALLOON VINE.** Love-in-a-Puff. Bears little puff balls an inch or so in diameter. A favorite with the children. Pkt. 5c.

**BACHELORS BUTTONS.** (*Globe Amaranth*). Small clover-like blossoms purple and white, mixed. Will keep for winter decoration. 10c.

**CALENDULA or POT MARIGOLD.** Large double bloom. All shades of yellow. Low growing. 5c.

## Balsam or Touch-Me-Not

An old favorite. The many colored flowers grow along the stem, intermingled with the foliage, making a most attractive plant. Seed pods a great curiosity. When ripe will suddenly snap open, throwing the seed some distance.

**Prize Double Mixed.** The very finest to be had. All double. Pkt. 10c, 3 pks. 25c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50c, oz. \$1.50.

**Camelia-Flowered, Double.** Flowers all shades of color and covered with white dots. Pkt. 5c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 25c.

**Choice Mixed.** All kinds and colors; single and double. Pkt. 5c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 25c, oz. 50c.

**BALSAM APPLE.** An ornamental vine bearing curious shaped fruits. 10c.

**CANDYTUFT.** White or fine mixed. Low growing. Fine for border or edging. 5c.

**CANTERBURY BELLS.** (*Campanula Medium*). An attractive plant standing about two feet high with bell shaped flowers, blue, white and pink, mixed. Blooms the second year. 5c. For plants see nursery dept., page 49.

**CALLIOPSIS, Atkinsonia.** Color yellow and brown. Long graceful stems. Excellent for bouquets. 10c.

**COREOPSIS, Lanceolata.** Perennial. A bright golden yellow, with long graceful stems. Fine for cut flowers, or in clumps along the border. 10c. For plants see nursery dept., page 49.

**CALIFORNIA POPPY.** A beautiful low growing flower, all shades of yellow, orange and crimson, with finely cut silvery foliage. Mixed, 5c.



## Carnations, Dwarf Marguerite

A half hardy plant, sometimes called Carnation Pink. Greenhouse carnations are hard to grow but here is one, while not as large, that will succeed. Can be taken up in the fall and used as a house plant. Double, sweet scented, and will bloom the first year. Pure white, dark red, yellow or mixed. 10c

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**Cosmos**

**COSMOS.** This is a tall growing annual with dark green feathery foliage. It is fine as a cut flower but works in best as a background.

*Early Mixed Cosmos*, 10c.  
*Giant Mixed Cosmos*, 10c.

**CANARY BIRD FLOWER.** A rank growing vine, with small, yellow, fragrant flowers. 5c.

**CASTOR BEAN.** (*Ricinus*). Palma Christi. The large ornamental kind. 5c.

**CARDINAL CLIMBER.** Something like Cypress Vine but stronger growing vine and a larger flower. Color a bright scarlet. 10c.

**CHRYSANTHEMUM, Annual.** Double white. Not the greenhouse kind. 5c.

**COBEA SCANDENS.** A strong growing vine with white and blue flowers. Mixed, 10c.

**COXCOMB.** One of the old-fashioned flowers that is coming back into popularity. We have a specially fine strain of this old favorite, extra big and extra red. Some as big as a dinner plate. 10c.

**COLEUS or FOLIAGE PLANT.** Low growing, with variegated foliage. Fine for borders or bedding. 10c.

**COLUMBINE.** (*Aquilegia*). An early blooming hardy perennial. Flowers well above foliage. Long graceful stems, which makes them desirable for cut flowers. 10c. For plants, see nursery dept., page 49.

**CONEFLOWER.** (*Rudebeckia Bicolor Superba*). This flower belongs to the "Nigger Head" family. Flowers single, two to three inches across, a bright yellow with a brown "head" or center. Fine for cut flowers. 10c.

**CANNA SEED.** New varieties of canna are produced from seed. They bring quite a variation in flower and plant. Save roots of the best. 10c.

**CORNFLOWER.** Also called Ragged Robin. 5c.

**DAHLIA SEED.** Will bloom the first year. Dahlia seed does not produce true to name, and that is why growing from seed is so fascinating and the way new varieties are originated. When a new and worth-while variety is found the bulbs or tubers should be saved. Try your luck. Single Mixed, 10c; Double Mixed, 15c.

## Daisies

**Shasta Daisy.** Perennial. Long, slender stems. The largest of the white daisies. Blooms often ready to use on Decoration day. 10c. For plants, see nursery dept.

**Marguerite or Oxeye Daisy.** Perennial. White with yellow center. Fine for cemetery and makes good cut flowers. 10c. For plants see nursery dept., page 49.

**Daisy Bellis.** Hardy low growing perennial. For borders. Mixed double. 5c.

**CYPRESS VINE.** A medium tall growing vine with fine dark green foliage; pretty red and white flowers. 10c.

**DEVIL-IN-THE-BUSH.** (*Nigella*). 5c.

**EVERLASTINGS.** (*Helichrysum*) For winter bouquets. Cut when bud is partly open. Mixed colors. 5c.

**FEVERFEW.** (*Matricaria*). Double white. 5c.

**FOUR O'CLOCK or MARVEL OF PERU.** Two or three feet high. Blooms profusely. Colors red, yellow, white and striped. Fine as a hedge or low screen. One ounce of seed to 50 feet of row. Mixed colors. Pkt. 5c, oz. 20c.

**FORGET-ME-NOT.** (*Myosotis Alpestris*). Dainty blue flowers on very low growing plants. It is the Belgian national flower. Perennial, and thrives best in shady, moist locations. 10c.

**FOX GLOVE.** (*Digitalis*). A perennial which grows a spike about two feet high with a curious shaped flower. 10c. For plants see nursery dept.

**GAILLARDIA or BLANKET FLOWER.** A beautiful perennial. Color a blending of orange, yellow and various shades of red. For the border and cut flowers. 10c. For plants, see nursery dept.

**GERANIUM MIXED.** Well known house plant. 10c.

**GHOST FLOWER or ANGELS TRUMPET.** Large trumpet shaped white flowers, very fragrant. 5c.

**CALLIOPSIS, GOLDEN WAVE.** Resembles Coreopsis Lanceolata except that it is an annual. 10c.

**GYPHOPHELIA PANICULATA.** (*Baby's Breath*). Perennial. Valuable for mist-like effects and for trimming bouquets. Covered with very small white flowers. 5c. For plants, see nursery dept., page 49.

**HELIOTROPE.** Very fragrant. For the border, cut flowers, and also house culture. 5c.

**HEARTSEASE.** Tufted or bedding pansies. 10c.

**HOLLYHOCK.** A tall, stately old favorite. Given plenty of room, will make a wonderful showing during July. A splendid background for a flower garden, and shows up well along the fence or grouped alone or with other perennials. Double mixed, 10c; single mixed, 5c. For plants, see nursery dept., page 49.

**HYACINTH BEAN.** A medium tall climber. Flowers freely. Pods ornamental. 5c.

**ICE PLANT.** (*Mesembrianthemum*). Leaves appear to be covered with ice crystals. Good as a house plant. 10c.

**JAPANESE HOP.** (*Humulus Japonicus*). One of the best climbers. Luxuriant foliage. 10c.

**JOB'S TEARS or INDIAN BEADS.** Produces seed about as large as a pea with a small hole running through it, which makes it possible to thread as a bead. Pkt. 5c, oz. 20c, ¼ lb 50c.

**JOSEPH'S COAT.** (*Amaranthus Tricolor*). 5c.

## Moonflower

(*Ipomoea*). The strongest growing climbers we list. Will grow from 25 to 50 feet. Bloom very large, much larger than Morning Glories, which they resemble. The seed should have a small notch filed or cut in the hard shell before planting.

*Giant White.* One of the largest and finest. 10c.

*Mammoth Pink.* Very much like the big white moonflower, but pink in color. 10c.

*Heavenly Blue.* Immense flowers, in clusters, and produced in such abundance as to almost hide the foliage. 10c.

One packet each of the above—25c

## Ornamental Gourds

Will climb surprisingly well. Are useful, ornamental and great curiosity. *Bottle.* Used as a drinking cup or water jug. 5c.

*Dipper.* The old-fashioned Missouri sort. 5c.

*Dish Cloth.* When dried, the fibrous inside is used as a dishcloth. 5c.

*Hercules Club.* About three feet long. 5c.

*Nest Egg.* Guaranteed to fool the old hen every time. 5c.

*Pipe Calabash.* Used in making fancy pipes. 5c.

*Sugar Trough.* Large as a peck measure, often larger. 5c.

*Fancy Mixed.* All kinds, shapes and sizes. 5c; oz., 20c.

**LANTANA.** Covered with clusters of red, yellow and orange flowers. Fine for either out doors or house culture. 5c.

**LOBELIA.** Very small plant for edging or borders. Blue and white. 10c.

**LOVE-LIES-BLEEDING.** Drooping red spikes. 5c.



## Nasturtiums

They do just as well on poor soil as on rich soil, in fact, they prefer a thin, rocky, clay soil. The climbing or trailing varieties are just the thing to cover a fence, stump or trellis. The dwarf varieties make a good border. All varieties fine for cut flowers. The more bloom you pick, the more you will have.

### Dwarf Nasturtiums

**Dwarf or Tom Thumb.** A mixture made up of the choicest sorts in all colors. All make a rounded compact bush literally covered with bright flowers. Pkt. 5c, oz. 20c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60c.

**Beauty.** Yellow flamed with scarlet. 10c.

**King of Tom Thumbs.** Scarlet flowers, dark foliage. 5c.

**Cloth of Gold.** Bluish green foliage, flowers almost black. 10c.

**Ruby King.** Dark foliage, deep red flowers. 5c.

**Spotted King.** Dark foliage, spotted flowers. 10c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One packet each of the above, and one of the mixed ----- 25c

### Tall or Climbing Nasturtiums

**Lobbianum Mixed.** Very finest strain of trailing nasturtiums. This improved strain is noted for its brilliant flowers and rapid growth. Will climb six feet or more, with flowers all the way. Pkt., 5c; oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb, 75c.

**Black Prince.** Darkest of all. 10c.

**Cardinal.** Glowing scarlet. 10c.

**Queen of Spain.** Blood red. 5c.

**Napoleon III.** Golden yellow, spotted brown. 5c.

**Spitfire.** Bright fiery red. 5c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One packet each of the above named varieties, and one of the mixed ----- 25c

**MARIGOLD.** Color light sulphur yellow to orange. An old favorite. For bedding, borders and cut flowers.

**Tall African Double.** 10c.

**Dwarf French Double.** 10c.

**MOURNING BRIDE.** (*Scabiosa*). Double, with long slender stems. Makes a good cut flower. Late blooming. Mixed. 5c.

**NICOTINE AFFINIS.** A very fragrant tubular shaped flower, white. 10c

**SWEET MIGNONETTE.** (*Reseda Oederata*). A very fragrant modest colored flower. Low growing. 5c.

## Morning Glories

This is one of the most reliable climbers I know of. It does well anywhere. The flowers are so bright and cheerful that it is a comfort to grow them. They can, with good effect, be mixed in with other climbers.

**Common Mixed.** (*Convolvulus Major*). They are in bloom the very first thing in the morning. Fresh, bright looking flowers, and a healthy dark green foliage. Colors, white and various shades of blue and red. Pkt. 5c, oz. 25c.

**Imperial Japanese Mixed.** The Japanese have, in some ways, improved the Morning Glories. This one has a wider range of color than the common kind. Our seed is imported. Pkt. 10c, oz. 35c.

**PHLOX DRUMMONDI GRANDIFLORA.** They begin blooming early and increase in number as they grow. Their broad, flat top clusters in contrasting colors make them very desirable for bedding. Good as cut flowers and especially fine in mixed bouquets. Low growing. Mixed Colors, 10c.

## Pinks

One of the old favorites. Easily grown and should be in every garden.

**Double China.** Very fragrant. 5c.

**Fireball.** A very large, hardy pink, very double, and deep fiery scarlet in color. 10c.

**Snowball.** A fit mate for the Fireball. Just exactly like it but pure white in color. 10c.

**Grass.** (*Clove Pink*). Very sweet scented. Hardy and will live for years. Always found in old-fashioned gardens. Double and single mixed, 10c.

**PERENNIAL SUNFLOWER, Autumn Glory.** Small bright yellow flowers with long stems. Fine for bouquets. Is hardy. 10c.

**PERENNIAL SWEET PEAS.** Very hardy. 10c. For plants see nursery dept.

**PORTULACCA or ROSE MOSS.** Nothing prettier than a bed of Rose Moss with its dazzling colors. Fine for a border. Stands an immense amount of hot dry weather. The Single, 5c; double, 10c.

**SALPIGLOSSIS or VELVET TRUMPET.** An attractive trumpet shaped flower ranging in color from a white to purple and crimson, and more or less veined with gold. Early summer to late fall. 5c.

**SCARLET SAGE.** (*Salvia Splendens*). A bush-like plant, standing about two feet high, literally ablaze with bright red flowers during summer and autumn. 10c.

**SMILAX.** A greenhouse climber. 5c

**SNAPDRAGON.** (*Antirrhinum*). A most useful flower. The long spikes make ideal cut flowers. Has a wonderful range of color. Mixed, 10c.

**SUNFLOWER.** Double. 5c.

**SWEET WILLIAM.** This sweet scented old-fashioned flower should be in every garden. Every imaginable color. Single, 5c; double, 10c.



## Petunias

Will grow with little attention, furnish continuous bloom from June until October; are fine for massing in beds or along walks and driveways; will reseed themselves from year to year. All of them make good house plants, especially the choicer varieties.

**General Dodds.** Velvety blood red. 10c.

**Snowball.** Pure white, single and free bloomer. 5c.

**Violacea.** Deep Violet. 10c.

**Giants of California.** Flowers of enormous size, with beautifully ruffled and fringed edges, covering every known shade in Petunias. Makes splendid pot plant. Plant the seed carefully, as it is very small. 25c.

**Hybrid Mixed.** An extra good mixture containing blotched, striped, and all colors. 5c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One each of the five varieties offered above ----- 45c



## Plant Plenty of Pansies

Pansies have been greatly improved during the past few years. There is a greater variety of color, much larger bloom and longer stems. If you have rich mellow soil you can grow them, from the better varieties, almost if not quite three inches in diameter.

If you cannot start them early in the spring, plant during the latter part of August, and winter them over by mulching just like you do strawberries. There is real enjoyment in watching a bed of mixed pansies open up, never knowing what will come next. Keep them picked off before they go to seed or your plants will stop blooming.

**Mile High Mixture.** We have visited Colorado three different summers on our auto trips, and we always admired the pansies. I find that pansy seed grown there carries its vigor and size, and beauty, even, when grown in other places. It seems like the cool mountain air puts extra life into it. I have made arrangements with a pansy specialist at Boulder, Colorado, to grow me some seed.

**Mile High Mixture** (½ oz. \$1.50) 25c  
**Pure White**-----15c  
**Deep Yellow**-----15c  
**Jet Black**-----15c

**International Mixture of Show Pansies.** This is a special mixture of the very finest and largest. There is an infinite variety of colors and markings. Long, stiff stems well above the foliage. If you will start these early, grow on good soil and treat them half way decent, they will produce bloom three inches in diameter. Pansy plants sell like hot cakes, and if you want to make a little extra money, this or the Mile High Mixture are the ones you should plant. Pkt. 20c, 2 for 35c, 1-8 oz. \$1.25.

**Brilliant Blend.** Did you ever notice that the very best in pansies are in the mixtures? We have the named varieties and they are fine, but there is no getting around it, the mixture creates a greater sensation. The bold, striking colors, rich and varied, the individuality of character all tend to make a mixture popular. This mixture

is a good one. It has a splendid range of color and good size. Pkt. 10c, 3 for 25c, 1-8 oz. 75c.

**Giant Pansies.** This seed is imported, and is considered among the best over across. They are the giant type with long stiff stems and gorgeous colors, that are sure to please. We also have named varieties in this strain in the popular colors. **Giant Mixture**, 10c; 1-8 oz. 85c.

### Named Giants

**Golden Yellow.** Deep yellow. 10c.

**King of the Blacks.** Deep velvety black. 10c.

**Snow Queen.** Pure white. 10c.

**Azure Blue.** Clear light blue. 10c.

**Peacock.** Velvety blue, white edged. 10c.

**Bronze Shades.** All shades of golden yellow and brown. 10c.

**Fire King.** Golden yellow and purple. 10c.

**Cardinal.** Rich dark red. 10c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One each of the above Named Giants, and one packet of the Giant Mixture—50c

### PANSY PLANTS 75c DOZ.

We sell Pansy Plants from our best mixture, in early spring, hardy stocky plants wintered over out doors, showing bud and bloom, either mixed colors or any color separate, at 75c per doz., or \$2.00 for 3 doz., postpaid. Satisfaction and safe arrival guaranteed.

## Larkspur

**PERENNIAL LARKSPUR.** (*Delphinium*). Tall and stately plants with long spikes. Flowers many shades of blue. 15c. For plants see page 49.

**Annual.** The three varieties below are annual and have a wider range of color than perennial, but are smaller.

**Double Dwarf Rocket.** Full double and a mass of flowers. About a foot high. Mixed. 10c.

**Giant Hyacinth Flowered.** Two or three feet high. Mixed. 10c.

**Giant Emperor.** Finest of all annual Larkspurs. Purple, pure white, red, and mixed. 10c, 3 for 25c.

**HARDY HIBISCUS.** We sell the roots of this hardy perennial which you will find listed elsewhere. Can also furnish the seed. It is a rather spreading plant standing 3 or 4 feet high and growing a very large bell shaped flower 6 or 8 inches across. The seed will produce a plant that will grow either a red, white, or a pink flower. The seed cannot be furnished in separate colors but in a mixture. Price per pkt., 15c.

**SWEET SULTAN.** *Centaurea Imperialis*). Long, slender stems. Sweet scented. Fine for cut flowers. 5c.



## Poppies

These are my favorite flowers. They grow and bloom in any kind of soil, and in any kind of weather. The colors are so brilliant and showy that they attract more attention than anything on the place. As someone has said: "They are red, and not ashamed of it." My bed of poppies was the admiration of every passer 'his last summer, and in July, when it was so hot that nothing else would bloom, the poppies were on hand, fresh and beautiful each morning.

**Double Peony-Flowered.** Tall growing, and looks like a peony. All shades and colors. 5c.

**Double Carnation Flowered.** Like a carnation, but much larger. Many colors. 5c.

**American Legion.** A brilliant scarlet with yellow anthers. Single. 10c.

**Deep Apricot.** Single. 10c.

**Pure White.** Single. 10c.

**Rose Pink.** A wild rose pink. Single. 10c.

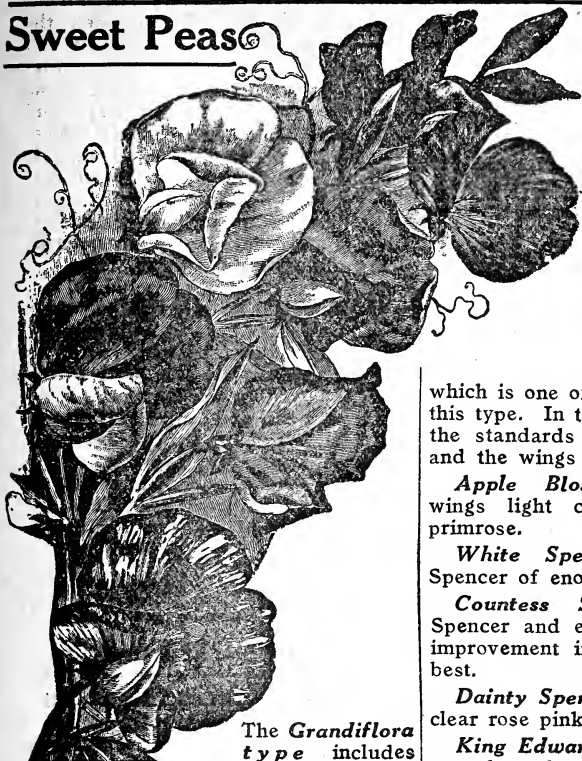
**Shirley Mixture.** Single. Contains the range of poppy colors. 10c.

**Finest Mixed.** This is a mixture that I especially like. I have put in all kinds—double and single, tall and dwarf—and all colors. You can't beat it. Pkt. 10c, oz. 50c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One packet each of the above 8 varieties-----55c

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of flower seeds

## Sweet Peas



The *Grandiflora* type includes older varieties from which the newer Spencers came. In this class we find some very large varieties and beautiful color markings. They seed abundantly and for this reason can be sold cheaper than most other strains. These old favorites have many friends and there is a strong sentiment against dropping them, although the Spencers are better. In the following descriptions the Standards refer to the top petal and the wings to the two lower petals.

**Blanche Ferry.** Standard, a bright carmine rose, wings white tinged with pink. This is an early variety of medium size.

**Dorothy Eckford.** One of the best pure white varieties. Very large.

**King Edward VII.** A beautiful bright red or crimson scarlet. One of the showiest varieties, a great favorite.

**Lady Grisell Hamilton.** Standard light mauve, wings lavender.

**Miss Wilmot.** Standard orange pink, wings rose.

**Navy Blue.** A very deep hue. Best of the blues in the *Grandiflora* class.

**Othello.** Pleasing shade of dark maroon.

**Prima Donna.** A beautiful soft pink. Usually carries four blooms to the stem. A vigorous grower.

Any of the above varieties—  
Pkt., 5c; oz., 20c.

**Grandiflora Collection. Special Offer.** One packet each of the above named sorts and 1 packet of finest Eckfords Mixed, 9 pkts. in all. This collection will plant a double row 50 feet long. Price -----35c

## Spencer Type

### Sweet Peas

**Spencer Type.** This is the newer type of sweet pea. The flower is more open, have longer stems, produces more flowers and for a longer period of time. They are of enormous size and have a much wider range of color. Both standards and wings waved and frilled

which is one of the chief attractions of this type. In the following descriptions the standards refer to the top petals and the wings to the two lower petals.

**Apple Blossom.** Standard—rose, wings light carmine, overspread on primrose.

**White Spencer.** A pure white Spencer of enormous size.

**Countess Spencer.** The original Spencer and even today, after all the improvement in this type, one of the best.

**Dainty Spencer.** White edged with clear rose pink.

**King Edward.** A rich crimson with waved petals.

**Blue Monarch.** Best deep blue among the Spencers.

**Margaret Atlee.** Standard apricot pink on cream ground, wings a pinkish rose and salmon.

**Fiery Cross.** A bright red orange or cerise.

Any of the above Spencers—  
Pkt., 10c; ounce, 35c.

**Spencer Mixed.** A mixture of all of above named varieties—Pkt., 10c, oz., 35c.

**Spencer Collection. Special Offer.** One pkt. each of the above named sorts and one packet of Countess Spencer Hybrids, enough for a double row 50 feet long. Price -----50c

**Finest Eckfords Mixed.** This includes all the best Eckfords of the *Grandiflora* type, and also a sprinkling of what is known as the California Giants. It has every imaginable color and shade. Pkt., 5c; oz., 20c; ¼ lb, 65c.

**Countess Spencer Hybrid Mixed.** These are grown as a mixture. That is, we do not throw in the seed of a number of varieties and mix them, but the mixing is done by natural cross fertilization while they are growing in the field. The stems are long, the flowers large, and will bloom a long time if given a fair chance. There is a wide range of color, and you will find many pleasant surprises in store for you in this mixture. Pkt. 10c, oz. 25c, ¼ lb 85c.

## Verbenas

Fine for beds, borders or window boxes. Foliage healthy and will bloom over a long season.

**Red, White and Blue.** Your choice of these colors. 10c, 3 for 25c.

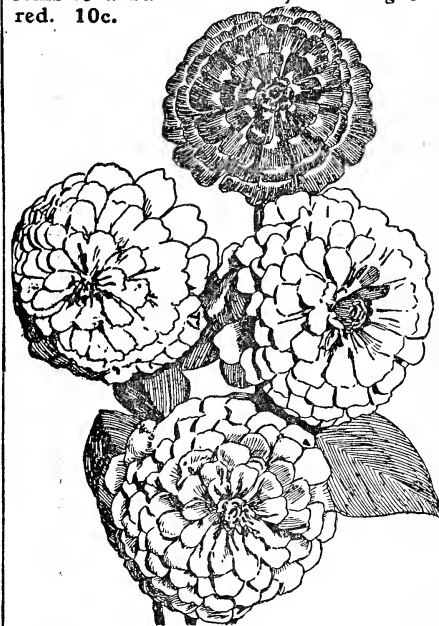
**Mammoth Mixed.** The brightest and best mixture we could get. 10c.

**VINCA.** Periwinkle. Dark green glistening foliage with white and pink flowers. After blooming all summer can be taken up and potted for winter blooming. 5c.

**VIOLET, SWEET ENGLISH.** Hardy. 10c.

**TEN WEEKS STOCKS.** Mixed colors. 5c.

**CHINESE WOOLFLOWER.** Resembles a ball of wool dyed a bright red. 10c.



**Zinnia**

**Double Giants.** Best of all for summer and autumn bloom. Wonderful shades of color. No garden complete without a row of bright colored Zinnias. The new strain, which we list here, produces a very large flower. They are at their best in a mixture, but we can furnish the following colors also. *Canary Yellow, Crimson, Golden Yellow, Purple, Scarlet, White, and Double Giant Mixed*, your choice 10c per packet.

## Coxcomb

One of the old-fashioned flowers that is coming back into popularity is the *Coxcomb*. We have a specially fine strain of this old favorite, extra big and extra red. We had some as big as a dinner plate. We have both the dwarf and the tall, and can supply either.

Price: Dwarf Coxcomb, pkt., 10c; Tall Coxcomb, pkt. 10c; Woolflower, pkt., 10c; All three for 25c.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of flower seeds



### Ruth in the Gladiola Garden

You can grow as fine flowers as these in your own garden from our bulbs.

## Gladiolas--Queen of Flowers

I believe if I were limited to just one flower for my own growing, I would choose the gladiola in preference to anything else. It has absolutely no insect enemies and no diseases. It is beautiful either growing or picked. It blooms for three months steady. And best of all, it will grow and bloom in any soil, any weather, and for anyone. I have never known anyone to fail with it if they had good bulbs to start with. Another thing, it is a case where you can "have your cake and eat it, too," for besides the beautiful blooms the bulbs increase about three-fold, and your supply keeps increasing from year to year. Most people when you speak of gladiolas, think of the old-fashioned red and yellow flower common a generation ago, and have no idea of the immense improvement that has taken place in them. Every color of the rainbow is now represented, and in form, and color and size, no lily or canna can equal them. Some of mine are six inches across and the most wonderful and beautiful colorings imaginable. These bulbs are all of my

own growing, guaranteed true to name; first quality and sound. All are large, blooming size bulbs.

We also have bulblets and little "planting stock" bulbs to sell, and will be glad to quote you special prices on them by letter. The prices quoted refer always to blooming size bulbs.

**Culture.** Gladiolas will succeed and bloom well under the same condition that you would make a good crop of potatoes or cabbage. They like a rich, mellow soil, fairly moist. They cannot stand shade nor wet, soggy ground. They do best planted very early in the season, the earlier the better, and should be planted rather deep, say 4 or 5 inches. A good rule is to place them as deep as four times the diameter of the bulb, and, in fact, this is a good rule with almost any kind of bulbs. In the fall the bulbs should be dug before hard freezing weather and stored in the cellar, where they will be cool, dry and safe from freezing.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of bulbs.

### Field's Finest Mixed

Besides the named varieties, which I keep separate, I grow thousands of bulbs in mixture. Many people prefer them this way; they are of endless variety of form and color, hardly any two being alike. They range from lark red to yellow and pure white, every imaginable color. I have bought brag mixtures from everywhere and added to mine until I have a strain that is hard to beat. When they are in bloom I go through and pull out all that do not suit me and throw them away. It carries a large proportion of light and striped, and none at all of the old-fashioned red. The bulbs are all of the large size.

50c per doz., 30 for \$1.00,  
\$3.00 per 100

### Some Good Mixtures

**Light and Striped Mixture.** This mixture runs almost entirely to light colors such as white, yellow, pink and white, striped pink and yellow, and it contains practically no red or dark colors. While the blooms are not quite so large as from the reds, or the spikes so heavy and massive, these light colors are preferred by a great many people. Price: 50c per doz., 30 for \$1.00 postpaid.

**Giant Red Mixture.** This strain I secured from an Ohio grower who likes reds better than any other color. The stalks are of heavy, massive growth, often 4 to 5 feet high, with very large flowers of varying shades of red; especially fine for massing where red is wanted as the dominating color. Price, 50c per doz., 30 for \$1.00.

**Primulinus Hybrids Mixed.** These are hybrids of the new Primulinus wild yellow Gladiola with the regular varieties and are a wonderfully beautiful group. Very vigorous and graceful, free blooming, hardy, and prolific. Mostly yellow, but some fine pinks, reds, and lavenders. Price, 50c per doz., 30 for \$1.00, \$3.00 per 100.

**Goodrich Mixed.** These are the mixed seedlings from which Mr. Goodrich selected his Fairlawn Hybrids. They are an extra fine mixture, covering every possible color, with no poor sorts at all. See more about them under "Fairlawn Hybrids." Price, 90c per doz., 6 for 50c.

### Size of Our Bulbs

All of our bulbs, unless otherwise specified, are good large blooming size, and should bloom well for any one with ordinary good care. If interested in small bulbs or bulblets, ask for special prices. We can furnish small sizes in most varieties but not all.

## Named Sorts of Gladiolas

All postpaid, at prices named.

### Red or Mostly Red

**Branchleysis.** One of the most brilliant reds, with petals feathered a deeper shade and throat yellow green marked with scarlet. An old favorite. A large number of bloom open at once. Price 5c each, 50c per dozen.

**Cardinal.** A brilliant red or true Cardinal color. Somewhat like War, but not so dark. A good red. Price, 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Crackerjack.** Velvety dark red with yellow throat, irregularly marked with amaranth red. Oddly splashed and feathered. Very attractive and free blooming. Price 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Crimson Glow.** A wonderful big, glistening deep red. A real *Crimson*, and a splendid type of flower with it. It is hard to choose between it and *Red Emperor*. You should have both. Price 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**Empress of India.** Color intense dark red, and very velvety in appearance. A small white dash in the throat around which the color is lighter. Blooms very early. Price, 2 for 15c, 75c per doz.

**Gratchen Zang** (see color plate). A fit mate for *Mary Fennell* and *Le Marechal Foch*. Pink blending into scarlet on the lower petals. Large and free bloomer. Price, 2 for 25c, \$1.20 doz.

**Ida Van.** A good sized cardinal red with a few markings in the throat of a deeper shade of the same color. Much prettier when allowed to open in the house. Price 5c each, 50c per doz.

**Mrs. Frances King.** Thrifty grower. Very large flowers, often 5 inches across and beautifully shaped long spikes with almost two feet of flowers in bloom at once. Light scarlet with deep markings. Price 5c each, 50c per doz.

**Mrs. Watt.** A shade of red closely matching that of *American Beauty* rose. Nothing else like it. 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Pride of Hilgoem.** A new Holland sort, much like *Red Emperor* but not quite so large and more of a scarlet color. A good one. 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**Princepine.** A well known bright red, with white throat. 5c each, 50c per dozen.

**Red Bird.** A fine big wide open red, rather stocky stem, solid red color, much the shade of the *Redbird*. Extra good. 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Red Emperor.** A good mate to *Crimson* and *Redbird*. I do love these big sturdy deep reds. At the Iowa state fair this was the best and largest red on display. Price, 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**War.** Deep blood red shaded crimson black. A new variety with tall straight spikes and a vigorous grower. Wide open flower. A late variety. Price, 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

## Pink and Light Red

**America.** In color a soft pink, very light. The throat marked with tyrian rose. Price 5c each, 50c per doz.

**E. J. Shaylor.** The greatest pink yet. See special description elsewhere. 15c each, 4 for 50c, \$1.50 per dozen.

**Evelyn Kirtland.** Beautiful pink with scarlet blotches. Lighter in center. A tall spike with many flowers open at once. Price, 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Glory of Kemmerland.** Giant rose with yellow blotch. Very striking and attractive. 10c each, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Herada.** Deep lilac mauve, glistening and clear. Very large blooms, wide open. Good in every way. 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Halley.** Delicate salmon pink. Very large and bright and very early. One of the best in the list. Price 5c each, 50c per doz.

**Le Marechal Foch.** (See color plate). One of the most popular varieties ever introduced. It is like *America* but earlier, larger, and a better flower in every way. It is a bright rose pink, grows a tall straight flower spike, and bulbs often send up two, three and even four spikes. Its earliness is a desirable feature. It comes into bloom very early, and is very sure to bloom. The size, beauty and earliness of the flower make it the most popular variety, not only in *America* but in the world. Whatever else you buy, you must be sure to have this one. Price, 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Mary Fennell** (see color plate). A beautiful blending of lavender and canary color. Especially fine for florist work. A strong grower and a free bloomer. Large size. Price, 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Mrs. Frank Pendleton.** A splendid large variety, rosy pink with a large ox blood red blotch in throat. A beautiful variety that you should by all means have in your collection. 10c ea., 90c doz.

**Pink Augusta.** A pink sport of the old white *Augusta*. Not overly large but a good florist sort. 5c each, 50c per dozen.

**Pink Beauty.** One of the earliest. A soft pink with heavy dark maroon blotch in throat. 5c each, 50c dozen.

**Panama.** This is a seedling of *America* which it closely resembles except that it is a much deeper pink. A very fine variety. Price, 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Prince of Wales.** A beautiful big salmon pink with yellow blotch in throat. Very early and desirable. 10c each, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

## Yellow Varieties

**Alice Tiplady.** A deep orange-saffron *Primulinus* from *Kunderd*. Large and free blooming and extra good every way. 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

## (Yellow Varieties Continued)

**Autumn Queen.** Creamy pink with red blotch on lower petals. 5c each, 50c per dozen.

**Flora.** Probably the best clear deep canary yellow so far. Large flower, and very free blooming. 25c each, \$2.25 per dozen.

**Golden West.** Golden orange color, with a tiger blotch of red and black. Very striking and handsome. 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Niagara.** A beautiful creamy yellow with tips of petals feathered and splashed with crimson carmine. A strong growing variety with flowers crowded close together on the spikes, which adds greatly to its attractiveness. Price 10c each, 3 for 25c, 90c dozen.

**Primulinus Hybrids.** In this group we have the finest lemon yellow found among the gladiolas. Not all of them are yellow, however, as some show a salmon pink and some crimson. The color varies greatly and is really a mixture but with yellow predominating, especially toward the end of their blooming season. Price 5c each, 50c doz.

**Ruffled Glory.** This is the original ruffled gladiola. A beautiful creamy apricot with a deeper tint of pink at outer edges of petals, and has fine red feathered markings in the throat. Price, 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c doz.

**Schwaben.** Very large, with flowers set close together on the spikes. A clear citron yellow with aster purple tongue on lower petals. Very free blooming and vigorous, and can be used for either white or yellow. 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**Yellow Bird.** A good yellow with a broad dash of Tyrian rose in the throat. Price 5c each, 50c per dozen.

## White and Nearly White Varieties

**Elora.** Originated by Burbank, and a very fine variety. White with cream throat and delicate blush pink on back of petals. Large and early. 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**Glory of Holland.** This is practically a pure white. Has the faintest tyrian rose blotch. Long spikes, thrifty grower. Price, 2 for 15c, 75c per dozen.

**Helen Franklin.** The ruffled white. Good size, almost pure white, very strong grower and free bloomer. Extra good every way. 2 for 25c, \$1.20 doz.

**Jean Dielafoy.** Cream white with a scarlet blotch on lower petal. 5c each, 50c per dozen.

**Late White.** A medium sized very late sort. Almost pure white. 10c each, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Lily White.** Spotless snow white. Early. Good size and free bloomer. 2 for 25c, \$1.20 per dozen.

**L'Immaculee.** Almost pure white, good size, and a good grower. 10c each, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of bulbs.

(White Varieties Continued)

**Mary Pickford.** Named for "America's Sweetheart", and fittingly named. The sweetest, purest creamy white imaginable. It and Elora are much alike, and it is hard to say which is best. You ought to have both. You must have one or the other. 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**Peace.** A pure lily white except lower petals which are faintly striped with violet rose. It is a tall strong grower, one of the best whites. 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Snowbank.** A beautiful amber white with very fine and inconspicuous lines of red at the base of the throat. Price, 2 for 15c, 75c per dozen.

**White King.** One of Kundreds ruffled varieties, the petals of which are beautifully ruffled and frilled. It is a white or a sulphur white with slight markings of purplish rose in throat. It very closely resembles the well known Ruffled Glory, which is listed on this page, but lighter colored and smaller. Price, 10c, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

**Willy Wigman.** A beautiful blush tint with long, bright tulip blotch on lower petals. The effect of this crimson on the cream petals is most pleasing. An early variety. 2 for 15c, 75c doz.

Special Bargain Collectionof Gladiola Bulbs

60 blooming size bulbs, \$1.10 postpaid (Not the largest size bulbs, but large enough to bloom well).

We had the finest crop of gladiola bulbs this year we have ever grown, and we are going to celebrate by offering the greatest bargain in them that has ever been offered I believe—60 fine bulbs for \$1.10. Good bulbs, too, not trash.

Most people prefer a mixture of colors, so 50 of the bulbs will be a mixture of all of the best colors. Everything from white to dark red, with plenty of striped and spotted and variegated tints in between. A really first-class mixture, with good colors, big flowers, and a long season of blooming. Then I will put in 5 each of two good named sorts, America and Crackerjack. You have doubtless seen them and admired them, but they have always been high priced till now and you had to admire them at a distance.

5 *Crackerjack*. Fine big red. Extra large; dark red with lighter blotch.

5 *America*, the great "peach pink" one. Used to sell at 50c each.

50 *Mixed Hybrid Seedlings*, all colors good 60 bulbs in all, all blooming size, young bulbs, two to four inches in circumference, well packed in a box, with directions for growing, guaranteed to reach you safely and to bloom with ordinary care and soil. Sent postpaid for only \$1.10 for box of 60 bulbs.

Gladiola Bulblet Collection

200 for 25c, 1,000 for \$1.00

These are the little wee fellows, about as big as a pea, from which we grow the blooming-size bulbs to sell a year from now. Some few of them will bloom this year, but all will bloom next year. These are from our best mixture. Most growers refuse to sell these bulblets, but I have decided to offer a limited amount of them at 200 for 25c or \$1.00 per 1,000 sent postpaid. I will send out with each package full directions for growing them to blooming size.

The Big Six—Special Offer

If you are in doubt what to buy, want extra good ones but no high prices, try this list. They are all good, all beautiful in color, and are all such strong growers that we always have a big crop of bulbs of them. Here they are:

**Le Marechal Foch**-----Pink

**Mary Fennell**-----Lavender

**Helen Franklin**-----White

**Gretchen Zang**-----Red and Pink

**Red Emperor**-----Red

**Schwaben**-----Yellow

**SPECIAL PRICE**—1 each 65c; 2 each (12 in all) \$1.20; 5 each (30 in all) \$2.75; 10 each (60) \$5.25; 15 each (90) \$7.75.

Rose Ash—A New Color

One of the newer sorts is *Rose Ash*, which is of a distinct and pleasing shade which you might call "ashes of roses". It is very beautiful and attractive. It sold at \$1.00 last year, but it is a good grower, and we are fortunate in being able to offer it now at 25c each, \$2.25 per dozen.

The Royal Purple-Blue—Baron Hulot

The nearest to a real blue is *Baron Hulot*. It is a deep velvety blue or purple or between the two. Not very large, but a free bloomer and very striking. This is the rarest and most sought for color of all and you should have it by all means. 10c each, 3 for 25c, 90c per dozen.

The Great Ruffled Pink—E. J. Shaylor

I believe the best pink Gladiola ever introduced is *E. J. Shaylor*. It is one of the new ruffled type with beautifully frilled and ruffled edges. It is a beautiful deep clear rose pink, very large, tall, long stem, and just about perfect every way. It has been selling around 50c to \$1.00, but it is such a strong grower and increases so rapidly, that I am able to offer it at an unheard of low price. Go strong on it. You will never regret it. Price 15c each, 4 for 50c, \$1.50 per dozen.

Special Collection Offer

50 Named Sorts for \$5.00

If you would like to try out a big assortment of named Gladiolas I will sell you 50 named sorts, 1 large bulb each, each bulb wrapped separately and carefully labeled, for only \$5.00, postpaid. Our selection of varieties. This will include most of our best kinds, and give you a wonderful collection.

The Fairlawn Hybrids

This wonderful class of Gladiolas is the origination of *Mr. C. L. Goodrich*, a banker of Luther, Ia., who grows flowers as a hobby and has originated some wonderful varieties of Glads by crossing and hand pollenizing of the best of the standard varieties. Out of all his thousands and thousands of seedlings he has picked out possibly a dozen to be named and kept separate, and the rest he has put into a mixture. Here are some of his best.

**Celestia Doris.** This is the one I named after baby Letty. Her full name you know is *Celestia Doris*. In many ways I believe this is the most beautiful of the Fairlawn Hybrids. It is a deep rich glowing red, almost solid in color. Price 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**Decatur.** Of all his varieties I like this one best of all. It is, of course, very large, a strong grower, and straight stemmed, but the striking feature is the beautiful and exquisite striping of pink and scarlet, on a white background. There is no other sort like it, and it will make a sensation anywhere. Price 50c each, \$5.00 per dozen.

**Fairlawn.** Named by Mr. Goodrich after his home place, *Fairlawn*, and considered by him the best one so far, although I like *Decatur* the best. *Fairlawn* is a blending of lavender, lilac, crimson and purple. It is odd and very attractive and distinct. Very large and very beautiful. Everyone who sees it asks about it. Price 25c each, 5 for \$1.00, \$2.25 per dozen.

**Goodrich Mixed.** Mr. Goodrich does not believe in naming a variety unless it has special merit. He thinks most varieties should be thrown into color sections or in mixtures. A dozen will show a wonderful range of color. Price 90c per dozen, half dozen 50c.

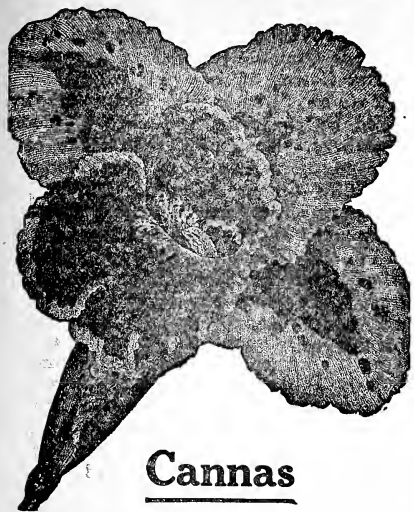
**Luther.** Somewhat similar to *Fairlawn* in color, but entirely distinct. Probably would class more as a lavender pink. 25c, 5 for \$1.00.

**Mrs. Alice Goodrich.** Almost a pure white. Petals daintily penciled crimson. Bloom set wide apart along the spike and stand out well, a characteristic of this strain. 20c each, 3 for 50c, \$1.80 per dozen.

**Shell Pink.** I wanted to call this *Peachblow*, but maybe *Shell Pink* will come closer to it. It is the most delicate apple blossom color imaginable, very large and wide open, very free bloomer, and lovely and satisfactory in every way. It has a *Primulinus* cross, which gives to it grace and vigor. 25c each, 5 for \$1.00, \$2.25 per dozen.

**Shenandoah.** A strong grower, long spike and large flower. Color a deep pink, penciled crimson. This variety shows the *Goodrich* type and we would not have given it the name of *Shenandoah* if it was not something extraordinary. Price 25c each, 3 for 65c, \$2.25 per dozen.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of bulbs.



## Cannas

### Modern Type Large Flowered Cannas

These are fine for decorative effect on the lawn. They are tropical looking and the rank green foliage and gay red and yellow flowers make a brilliant sight. Plant in rich, moist soil when the weather is warm and settled. Better yet, start roots in a flower pot in the house and have them ready to set out when the warm weather comes.

### Special Canna Beds

If you wish, I will make a selection of varieties for you for a complete canna bed and will choose varieties that will match up well in foliage, bloom and height. Will guarantee to give you kinds that will please you. These bulbs can be used in an oval, round, or triangle bed, just as you like. In fact, there are many other ways of using them in a formal bed. Personally I like them in a border setting the tall ones at the back. When we fill the order we label them tall, medium and low, so that you will know which is which.

**Five Foot Bed.** 13 plants as follows: 4 tall for center or background, and 9 medium height for outside of a formal bed or for front of a border. Price \$1.25.

**Seven Foot Bed.** 19 plants as follows: 1 tall for center or background, 6 medium height for second circle and 12 for outside of bed or for front of a border. Price \$1.75.

**Ten Foot Bed.** 37 plants as follows: 1 extra tall for center, 6 medium height for second circle, 12 for next circle, 18 shorter for outside circle. Price \$3.50.

### Choice Mixed Cannas

I have a very fine collection of cannas in about 20 named varieties, but we have odds and ends, small lots of a kind, stray plants that get mixed in with other varieties, and so on, and these we put all together in a mixture. They are all first class named varieties, but I cannot promise you any particular color or variety. 6 for 40c; 75c per dozen, or \$6.00 per 100, postpaid.

### Choice Named Cannas

*Dormant bulbs in any of these varieties, except as noted, 15c each, 4 for 50c, or \$1.25 per dozen, postpaid.*

**Allemania.** 5 to 6 ft. Green foliage. Orchid-flowering, bright scarlet with broad and irregular border, beautifully mottled and variegated.

**Brandywine.** 3½ ft. Bronze foliage. flowers of intense wine red, dappled deep crimson, edged with gold.

**Charles Henderson.** 3 to 4 ft. Green foliage. Brilliant crimson-scarlet with flame yellow throat.

**Eureka.** 3 to 4 ft. Green foliage. The best canna. Large clusters of creamy white flowers produced freely.

**Miss Florence Hall.** 4 ft. Green foliage. A very attractive deep rose pink formed in large clusters. Blooms freely, beginning when quite small. 25c each, \$2.25 per dozen.

**Florence Vaughan.** 4 to 5 ft. Green foliage. A large flower, rich golden yellow, heavily dotted crimson.

**Gladioflora.** 3 ft. Green foliage. Crimson changing to carmine-rose and edged with gold.

**King Humbert.** 4 to 5 ft. Bronze foliage. This is one of the most popular varieties. Very large orchid flowers of brilliant orange red with broad rounded petals.

**Lemon Yellow.** 4 ft. Green foliage. Flowers a bright lemon yellow with faint markings in throat. The foliage is a fresh healthy green and makes a most attractive plant. 25c, \$2.25 doz.

**Olympic.** 5 ft. Green foliage. Flowers a rich oriental red. A very distinctive color. Nothing else in cannas like it. A very free bloomer.

**President.** 4 ft. Green foliage. A beautiful brilliant scarlet with very large clusters of flowers. This is undoubtedly the finest among the new varieties. 25c each, \$2.25 per dozen.

**Shenandoah.** 3 to 4 ft. Bronze foliage. Flowers salmon-pink.

**Wintzer's Colossal.** 4 to 5 ft. Green foliage. Without a doubt the largest flowered canna yet produced. Flowers a vivid scarlet, sometimes 8 in across.

**Wyoming.** 4 to 5 ft. Bronze foliage. Orchid-flowering variety with beautiful orange colored flowers.

**Yellow King Humbert.** 4 to 5 ft. Green foliage. Large golden-yellow flowers blotched red. Plants occasionally show foliage and flowers partly colored red like King Humbert.

**Pennsylvania.** 6 ft. Green foliage. Deep red flowers.

**Indiana.** 6 ft. Green foliage. Orange colored flowers.

**Burbank.** 3 to 4 ft. Green foliage. Flowers a bright lemon yellow. Blooms early.

### Special Offer

2 bulbs each of 6 varieties, your choice of any of the 15c varieties, \$1.25, with an extra one thrown in, making 13 in all.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of bulbs.

### Miscellaneous Spring Bulbs

These are all bulbs which are planted in the spring in April or May, and have to be taken up in the winter and stored in the cellar to be replanted again in the spring.

**Tuberose.** Tall spikes of pure waxy white flowers of delicate fragrance. 5c each, 6 for 25c, 50c doz., postpaid.

**Madeira Vine.** A beautiful and very rapid climber. Grows from a root like a potato. 5c each, 6 for 25c, 45c per dozen, postpaid.

**Panama Lily.** This beautiful lily is entirely different from any other lily I have ever seen. The bulbs should be planted in the spring after the cold weather is past. It blooms the first year and blooms very early, ahead of any other lily. Each 25c postpaid.

### Giant Hybrid Amaryllis

(See picture on color page)

There is probably no finer house plant than the Amaryllis. It is a very large flower, red or pink in color, and shaped like a lily. All the way from two to twelve blooms to a single bulb. They are very easy to grow. Pot the bulbs in rich dirt in fairly large pots in the fall, winter or spring, and they will bloom from February to May. The bulbs can be reset and bloom again next year. We have a wonderful strain of them. Price, 75c each, or 3 for \$2.



### Caladium or Elephant's Ear

These plants do not bloom, but are valued for the appearance of their enormous leaves. They often grow 3 feet in length and make a fine background for small plants and flowers. Start in a flower pot in the house and set out when ground is warm, give rich soil and plenty of moisture. 20c each, 2 for 35c, \$1.95 per dozen.

### Dasheens Trinidad or Edible

This is a plant newly introduced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a field and garden crop in the South. Fine for ornament, used like Caladiums, which they much resemble.

#### Prices of Dasheen Bulbs

	Each	Doz.	100
Small Tubers	7	\$ .65	\$5.00
Large Tubers	15	1.40	10.00



## Dahlias

The dahlia is queen of fall flowers, as the rose is of the early summer. They much resemble a rose in appearance, and except for fragrance, they are the equal of roses in every way. They are as easily grown as potatoes, will grow in any kind of soil and give continuous bloom in the greatest profusion from late June until after frost. They cover a time of year when flowers are scarce, and are fine for bouquets or decorations of any kind. The colors range from pure white to the darkest red and show all the shades between. The roots can be taken up in the fall and stored like potatoes till spring, when a single hill can be divided into roots enough to make a big bed.

### Mixed Dahlias

We have quite a lot of mixed dahlias, all colors and kinds, which we will sell cheap. They are all double, but cannot promise any special colors. They are good, sound bulbs, all good bloomers and a bargain at the price. 6 for 65c, 12 for \$1.25, all postpaid.

### Color Collection

#### 12 Dahlias for \$1.75

Twelve choice dahlias in assorted colors, all good strong tubers, well packed in a box, and mailed postpaid for \$1.75. Good assortment of colors, our selection from varieties listed further on. Colors marked separately. Money back if not suited. We cannot sell less than full set of 12 on this offer.

### Special Offer

#### All 16 Kinds, \$2.90

It would be fine to have the entire collection we list, so I am making a Special Offer of the entire 16, one good, strong tuber of each, each one carefully labeled with name and color, for only \$2.90, postpaid.

## Choicest Named Varieties

Ours is a list of varieties that will bloom anywhere, for anyone, and good, distinct, bright colors. I have tried hundreds of kinds and weeded them down to the list below.

The dahlias we ship are divisions of field-grown clumps and are guaranteed to be sound and alive and to sprout with any ordinary care. Remember, the sprout on a dahlia root or tuber comes right at the neck or stem. You often cannot see the bud or sprout at first, as it is dormant, but it will appear with warmth and moisture.

I have chosen varieties which are very free bloomers and which are good for cut flowers. I have made no effort to list the different types separately, but have marked them so that if you have any choice, you can pick the types you like best.

I have decided to make a flat price on all the different varieties. Some are listed much higher in some catalogs, but they all cost me about the same to grow, so I am going to make them all the same price, as follows, *all postpaid*.

**Prices on All Varieties—25c each, 2 for 45c, 3 for 65c, 6 for \$1.25, 12 for \$2.40, either all alike or assorted, as you wish.**

**Aurore. (Dec.)** A beautiful blend of orange, pink, and apricot in color.

**Elsie Burgess. (Show).** Good partner to Arabella. Similar in shape and appearance, but different color. White tipped with delicate lavender. Always makes good.

**Golden Beauty. (Dec.) Clifford W. Bruton.** Best yellow variety grown. Very free bloomer, beginning in July and blooming till frost. Very thrifty bush about four feet high and always full of bloom. I consider it in many ways the most satisfactory variety grown. Flowers very large, very double and clear golden yellow.

**Golden Gate. (Cactus).** Bright golden yellow, solid clear color, and very fine.

**Golden Queen. (Pompom).** Clear bright yellow.

**Jack Rose. (Dec.)** Big, decorative; a wonderful bloomer and fine for cutting; deep, velvety wine red. 20c each, deep, velvety wine red.

**Kroesus. (Cactus).** The best big white of the Cactus type. Sold last year at 50c each.

**Latonie. (Peony Fl.)** Yellow, shading to orange. Tinted with lavender.

**Mary Pickford. (Dec.)** Beautiful soft primrose, shading to white. A very delicate and attractive color.

**Marjorie Castleton. (Cactus).** A beautiful rosy pink cactus. Almost what you call "apple blossom" color.

**Minnie McCullough. (Dec.)** Soft yellow, overlaid with bronze. One of the best in the list.

**Rose Gem. (Dec.)** Delicate soft pink color, of beautiful form and habit.

**Rose Queen. (Show).** A very large showy flower, of rose pink color.

**Sylvia. (Dec.)** The old standby, loved by everyone, and sure to bloom anywhere. Flesh pink with white center. Medium size, very free bloomer.

**White Swan. (Show).** The standard pure white variety for cut flowers. Very large and perfect in form.

**W. W. Rawson. (Show).** Somewhat like White Swan, but instead of being pure white it is delicately touched and penciled with lavender on a white background.

## Planting Dahlias

The essential things for good blooms are good tubers, planted at the right time, thorough cultivation of the soil at all times, never allowing a crust to form on the ground and no weeds to grow; deep cultivation at first and shallow after blooms appear, but never stop cultivating if you want the best.

Plant 5 to 6 inches deep in medium rich soil 3 ft. apart; use no fresh manure or fertilizer until buds appear, then only as a mulch or raked in the top soil. Dig after frost, and store in a dry, cool, frost-proof cellar, same as Irish potatoes.

## Growing Dahlias From Seed

Few people realize that dahlias can be grown so easily, and cheaply, and quickly from seed.

The seed should be started early in the spring, like growing tomato or cabbage plants. Of course you can plant the seed right in the open if you want to, and they will, with good care, bloom before fall, but if you handle them like early tomatoes, they will come into bloom much sooner.

You will get all colors and all shapes, some not much account, and some fine, but all interesting. You can save bulbs from the best ones for next year. Prices, finest mixed seed, pkt. 10c, double 15c.

## About Fall Bulbs

### Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Etc.

We do not list the Hyacinths, Tulips, and such fall bulbs in full in this catalog, as they cannot be planted except in the fall in September, October and November, but we list them in a special fall catalog. Ask for it.

The prices, however, will run about as follows, and if you do not have the fall catalog you can order from this list.

**Tulips**, mixed early, 50c per doz., \$3.75 per 100. Special collection of 20 for 75c.

**Hyacinths**, mixed or separate colors, \$1.35 per doz. Smaller bulbs, \$1.15 per dozen.

**Darwin Tulips**, (very late and very large), 60c per doz., \$4.50 per 100.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of nursery stock.

## Nursery Department

Plants, Bulbs, Shrubbery, Vines, Etc.  
STATE OF IOWA

Certificate of Nursery Inspection.

Office of State Entomologist, Ames, Iowa.

This Certifies that the nursery premises of HENRY FIELD SEED CO., located at Shenandoah, Iowa, have been inspected as provided by the laws of Iowa (Section 2575-a51 supplement to the Code of 1913) and found apparently free from dangerous insect pests or plant diseases.

This certificate expires September 1st, 1924. Certificate No. 159.

Carl J. Drake, State Entomologist.

Dated September 1, 1923.

**THIS CERTIFICATE** as shown above is on every package of nursery stock that we send out. It just shows you that we must be about right or we can not do business. It simply backs up our old time guarantee. The nursery business is not new with us by any means. I was really in the nursery business before I was in the seed business, and always have been a lover of plant life and in my first catalogue I talked more about strawberries and raspberries than I did seeds. We are organized to take care of your business in a first class way.

**Order Early.** It is important that you get your order in early. Plants and trees of all kinds do much better planted very early. The chances are always against success with late planting. Besides, the early orders are more likely to get the pick of the stock and do not run into shortages and other troubles as late orders are likely to do. We always run short on some items before the spring season is over, but the early orders are always sure of getting exactly what is wanted.

**Strawberries and Other Small Fruit.** We have been growing and selling hundreds of thousands of berry plants for years. We sold over one and a half million strawberries last year and nearly every one of them lived, too. And we sold almost as many asparagus plants, and they all lived.

**Flower Bulbs and Plants.** You know already what we are on flower bulbs and plants. Some say we are crazy about them, but anyway, we have put in a lot of them and have the best there is to be had in the country.

**Ornamentals.** We can supply practically anything you want in the line of ornamentals. We grow oceans of that sort of stock and what we do not grow ourselves we can get from one or the other of the two big growers here.

**The Time to Plant.** Unless otherwise specified, all kinds of plants, trees and shrubbery should be planted in the spring, March, April and May, and the earlier the better. Here with us April is the month. Further south it might be March, and in the extreme north in May. As a rule we do not ship anything in this department before March 1st, nor later than May 15th; except that special fall planting items are shipped in October.

## Nursery Stock Postpaid

Unless otherwise specified, all nursery stock is sent by parcel post paid, anywhere in postal zones 1, 2, 3, and 4. Remember this in comparing prices, as most nurserymen compel you to pay the charges. Outside of postal zone 4, add 10 per cent of the price for each zone. For instance, in zone 5 you would add 10 per cent of the price for prepayment. In zone 6 you would add 20 per cent, and in zone 7, 30 per cent. Practically all of our customers, however, are in zones 1, 2, 3, or 4, so very few of you will have to pay any extra charges. Zone 4 covers all the country as far east as central Ohio, south to central Louisiana and Texas, west to western Colorado, and north to the border.



Iris is an extremely beautiful flower, and is sometimes called Flag or Fleur-de-Lis. It is easily grown, and no garden is complete without it, and to acquire the Iris habit soon becomes a hobby that can be ridden to one's heart's content.

## When to Plant Iris

Iris is one flower that can be planted at almost any time of the year. I like best to plant it in the fall or early spring, but really it can be planted almost any time with a fair chance of success. It is one flower that I have succeeded in moving while it was in bloom, and you know very few outdoor flowers can be moved when they are big and in bloom.

They will grow on practically any soil. We have some on good garden soil, some on clay fill, where we scraped dirt out of the cellar, some on rich ground, and some on poor, and they all seem to thrive about alike. We have a row of them along the curb overhanging the pavement, and they seem to enjoy it.

## Iris for National Flower

Some have suggested that the Iris should be our National flower, as it is probably the only flower that can be grown in any part of the United States. I don't suppose there is a state or a county where it can not be grown in all its beauty, and there is no other flower that will do it.

**Prices on Named Varieties.** 15c each, two for 25c, four for 50c, eight for \$1.00, one dozen for \$1.50, all alike or assorted.

**Berlin.** On the same order as Candicans and Princess Beatrice, only lower growing. This makes an excellent flower for vases.

**Candicans.** A good deal like the Princess Beatrice in habit of growth and coloring, but not quite so tall and flowers not quite so large.

**Fairy Queen.** Most beautiful of all iris in my notion and one of the most free bloomers also. White shaded light blue on border.

**Flavescens.** A good deal like White Swan in size and habit of growth, but more of a yellow color.

**Fredrick.** Medium height. Standards pale lavender. Falls lavender barred with brown. Very free; good for massing.

**Harlequin.** Rather odd variety as name indicates. Blue and white striped.

**Iris Pumila.** These are the old-fashioned dwarfs which grow about eight inches high and bloom very early in the spring. We can supply either the white or purple.

**Mrs. H. Darwin.** A beautiful pure white with lavender veins at base of lower petals. Very free bloomer. Medium height.

**Princess Beatrice.** (Pallida Dal-matica). The standards are fine delicate lavender in color, while the falls are slightly deeper shade of lavender.

**Purple King.** This variety blooms right with Silver King, but color is a deep, dark, rich purple, almost black.

**Queen of the Gypsies.** The standards are old gold shaded with smokey pearl.

**Ruby Queen.** Variety is nearest to a genuine red of any variety, not a true red, but best described as claret color.

**Queen of May.** A delicate lilac pink.

**Sans Souci.** The standards are a bright golden yellow and the falls are very thickly netted with veins and cross of a common crimson brown.

**Siberian Iris.** Belongs to a different family altogether. Leaves like grass. Roots fibrous. Either blue or white.

**Silver King.** A beautiful pearly or silvery white. It is large and showy like Purple King, but is a direct contrast to it in color.

**White Swan.** A beautiful creamy white throughout both standards and falls, often four or five flowers in bloom at the same time on same stem.

**Mixed Iris.** We have several rows of Iris of mixed varieties, where we have planted the odds and ends of named varieties that were left at the end of the season or where we have planted small lots, in case we did not have enough to keep it on the list of named varieties. Price, \$1.00 dozen.

## 1 Doz. Iris Collection \$1.25

If you are in doubt as to what kinds of Iris to order, we will make you up a collection of 6 of our best sorts, 2 plants of each, for \$1.25. This special price is for our own selection of varieties, but all good and well assorted colors. Just ask for the **Special \$1.25 Iris Collection.**

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of nursery stock

## The Peony

Of course opinions differ in all cases, but in my opinion, and I think many people will agree with me, that the Peonies are the first word of all flowers. The Peonies are hardy, and like some few other things, get better with age. It needs little or no attention, and is absolutely free of diseases or insect enemies, and with proper planting will produce wonderfully.

Peonies may be planted in September or October, or early in the spring, as best suits your occasion, and should be planted liberally by every flower lover. There is nothing that will add more to your lawn or a decorative scheme for a yard than a clump of Peonies or a row of Peonies. They can be planted either in rows, in beds, or in single clumps, and will add greatly to the general appearance of the home place. We advise fall planting.

You cannot expect the Peonies to bloom the first year, as it takes some time for them to become well enough established to produce blooms. But in two years' time, or perhaps more, you will find on the bushes blooms up to 8 and 10 inches across.

It would be a sight for you indeed to stop at our trial grounds and see our acres of Peonies in bloom. On days in the summer when the wind is blowing slightly, it would give you the impression of a body of water to see these large, beautiful blooms nodding their heads in the beautiful sunlight. We grow hundreds of Peonies in a year and they are indeed desired and talked of by many, many people who pass by our trial grounds.

Peonies that you find listed in our catalog are all real hardy roots, and in divisions from 3 to 5 eyes.

## The New Peony—May King

A new and distinct variety of peony entirely different in growth and appearance from other varieties. Very early, blood red, and very free flowering. I made previous mention of this peony in my catalog last year and after another year's experience with it I wish to repeat most emphatically all I said of it last year, and make it even stronger.

The striking points of this peony are its extreme earliness and its deep, blood red color. It comes ten days to two weeks earlier than any other sort I have, and was in full bloom for me last summer on May 12th. I believe that in an earlier season it might bloom as early as May 1st. It is medium in size, perfect half globe in shape, and the deepest, dazzling blood red. The bush is rather dwarf, and the foliage entirely different in appearance from other peonies. Its history is peculiar. It was found growing near an abandoned house in Manti, the old deserted Mormon settlement near here, which was settled by Mormon refugees during the early fifties. On that account

it is known locally here as the Mormon peony. I have known of it since I was a small boy, but never managed to secure a start of it until a few years ago, and then it took some time to work up a stock of it, but now I have enough so that I can offer a limited number of plants for sale. Now it may be that others have this peony but I have never seen it listed in any of the catalogues, and it certainly was new to me, and everyone who has seen it here in the seed house grounds pronounced it entirely distinct and of remarkable value to the peony lover. Its extreme earliness, its hardiness, its free blooming habit, and its deep, blood red color, (which is especially rare in peonies) make it a combination hard to beat.

Price \$1.00 each; \$10.00 dozen.



## Special Offer on Peonies

3 for \$1.00. 1 Dozen \$3.50.

### Red, Pink and White

We have a lot of odds and ends of varieties which we do not care to carry on our list, or of which we have lost the names, and these we simply sort up by color—white in one pile, reds in another, and pinks in another—and sell them that way, simply by color. They are good peonies and will be the color you ask for. They will be good sized plants, but we cannot promise you any certain variety or type. They will be labeled as to color. Price, 3 for \$1.00, either all one color, or assorted colors. 12 for \$3.50, 100 for \$25.00.

### Quantity Prices

On all peonies, unless otherwise specified, we sell dozens at 10 times the single price, and half dozens at 5 times the single price. For instance, *Bryant's White* which sells at 50c would be \$5.00 per dozen and \$2.50 per half dozen. If in need of a total of 100 or more, ask for special prices.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of nursery stock.

Prices below are for regular 3 to 5 eye divisions of good size and quality. Dozen price is 10 times single price, and one-half dozen, 5 times.

## White Peonies

<i>Bryants White</i> . Large, double, pure white	.50
<i>Duc de Wellington</i> . White, sulphur center	.50
<i>Festiva Maxima</i> . Large, white, pink tinted center	.75
<i>Floral Treasure</i> . Blush pink, very large	.50
<i>Duchess de Nemours</i> . Sulphur white	.50
<i>Mrs. Douglas</i> . Pure white	.50
<i>Queen Victoria</i> . Opens up blush pink, turns white	.50

## Red Peonies

<i>Felix Crousse</i> . A big, beautiful, glorious red. Best red of all	1.00
<i>Lizzie</i> . Good red	.50
<i>Louis Van Houli</i> . Dark crimson	.50
<i>May King</i> . Extra deep dark red, early peony, which we introduced a few years ago. Blooms about ten days to two weeks earlier than any other peony	1.00
<i>Olive Logan</i> . Outer petals purplish rose, center light	.50
<i>Rebecca (Terry)</i> . Tall purplish rose and white	.50
<i>Robert Burns</i> . Outer petals purplish rose. Lighter inside	.50
<i>Rachel</i> . An early dark red	.50
<i>Rose Fragnans</i> . Rose color, large, full, double	.50
<i>Grover Cleveland</i> . Very large, dark red, tall grower. Father Terry's masterpiece. Supply limited	2.00
<i>Ruth</i> . A beautiful intense red, of medium size, and very free blooming. It makes more blooms than any other red we have ever had	.75
<i>Karl Rosenfield</i> . A glorious big deep red. Very scarce as yet, but every one will have it sooner or later	2.00

## Pink Peonies

<i>Asa Gray</i> . Free blooming, light pink	\$.75
<i>Edulis Superba</i> . Early rose pink, one of the best	.60
<i>Humeil</i> . Cherry pink. Silver tipped. Late	.50
<i>Mons Jules Elie</i> . Pale rose, one of the finest	1.00
<i>Reine Victoria</i> . Rose pink, large strong bloomer	.50
<i>Stella (Terry)</i> . Delicate rose, crimson center, fine	.50
<i>Terry No. 4</i> . Light rose, very large	.50

## Peonies—The Cream of the

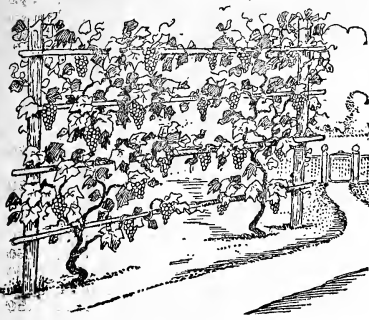
### List—Three for \$2.00

Lots of people ask me to pick out for them the very best Peonies in the list. That is hard to do, for they are all good, but here is my personal choice  
*Festiva Maxima* (white).....75c each  
*Edulis Superba* (pink).....60c each  
*Felix Crousse* (red).....\$1.00 each  
 Each stands at the very top of its class.  
 One large strong plant of each, by prepaid post to your door.....\$2.00

## Peonies—Mixed—All Colors

### 30c Each

We always have more or less mixed Peonies on hand. Stakes get lost, labels get torn off, and so on. Good stuff, but we don't know what it is. 30c each; \$3.00 per doz.; \$20.00 per 100—all postpaid.



## Grapes

More grapes will be planted this year for both commercial and domestic purposes than ever before. We grow here, on our trial grounds, some of the best rooted and hardiest plants I ever saw.

Everybody should have a few grape vines in the home garden. There is scarcely a yard so small, either in the country or city, that room for from one to a dozen or more grape vines cannot be found. They can be planted alongside the house or trained over fences, trellises or doorways and made ornamental as well as useful. They do well on any soil, except low, wet ground. We believe in the list we are offering is included the best varieties grown in this country.

Probably the best known variety and the most extensively planted anywhere, is the *Concord*. It is a hardy, vigorous grower, very productive, bunches large, berries juicy and sweet, not the earliest, but ripens over a longer period than most varieties.

*Moore's Early* is not a heavy grower but bunches and berries are large and fine; early. *Worden*, in growth is much like *Concord*. Fruit about the same size and of excellent flavor.

*Campbell's Early* commences ripening soon after *Moore's Early*, berries very large. Keeps well and is a good shipper and good quality. *Champion* is a fairly good market grape, but poor quality. Very vigorous grower, bunches medium, compact. Fruit showy, and a heavy bearer, but too sour to eat well.

The *Beta* grape is a cross with a wild variety and is the hardiest grape I know of. Fruit is small to medium in size, and only fair quality. A vigorous grower, does well anywhere, but is especially adapted to the northern states. It will stand more cold and freezing than any other grape, and makes a very vigorous growth.

Among the white varieties *Moore's Diamond* and *Niagara* are about equal in growth of vine and hardness and also in size of bunches of berries. *Moore's Diamond* is greenish white, juicy and tender. *Niagara*, yellowish white. Skin thin but tough, good shipper and market berry.

*Elvira* is a smaller grape than either *Niagara* or *Moore's Diamond*, but

bunches very compact and a great bearer. *Pocklington* is golden yellow when ripe. Fruit medium in size very showy, sweet and juicy, fine flavor.

Of the red varieties *Agawam* and *Salem* are the largest berries and heaviest bunches. *Agawam* is an extra strong grower, fruit very dark red when fully ripe. Skin thick, pulp juicy and of a peculiar spicy flavor. A great bearer and splendid keeper, ripens ten days to two weeks later than *Concord*. *Salem* ripens late in September, coppery red, thin skin, sweet and tender, and a good variety. *Delaware* is a fine table grape. Bunches small, berries rather small, light red, and sweet. Earlier than either *Agawam* or *Salem*. *Catawba* is fine in the south.

### Prepaid Price List of Grapes

At these prices all grape vines will be delivered by parcel post or prepaid express, all charges paid in zones 1, 2, 3, and 4. If you live outside of zone 4, add 10 per cent per zone for prepaid. (Six or more at dozen rate).

We advise strong 1 yr. as the best size to plant, but we can also supply 2 yr. in the leading sorts at higher prices, as noted below.

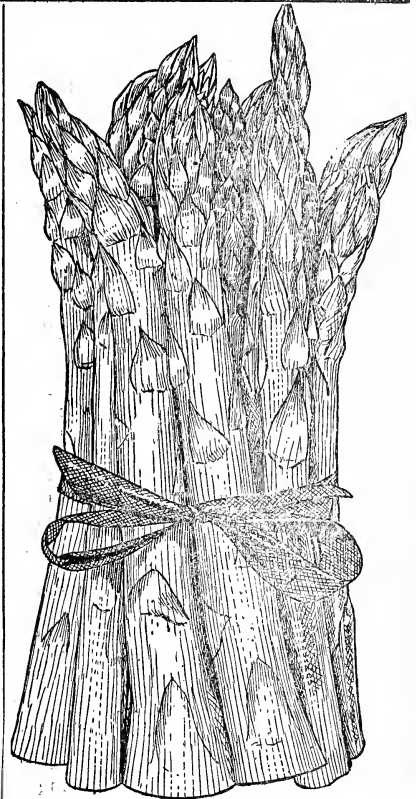
Postpaid as above	1 Yr.	2 Yr.
<b>Black Grapes</b>	Each Doz.	Each Doz.
<i>Concord</i> -----	.20 2.00	.30 3.00
<i>Campbell's Early</i> ---	.25 2.50	.35 3.50
<i>Early Champion</i> ---	.20 2.00	.35 3.50
<i>Moore's Early</i> ----	.25 2.50	.35 3.50
<i>Worden</i> -----	.25 2.50	.35 3.50
<i>Beta</i> -----	.20 2.00	
<b>White Grapes</b>	Each Doz.	Each Doz.
<i>Diamond</i> -----	.25 2.50	
<i>Elvira</i> -----	.20 2.00	
<i>Niagara</i> -----	.20 2.00	.30 3.00
<i>Pocklington</i> -----	.25 2.50	
<b>Red Grapes</b>	Each Doz.	Each Doz.
<i>Agawam</i> -----	.20 2.00	.30 3.00
<i>Delaware</i> -----	.30 3.00	
<i>Salem</i> -----	.25 2.50	
<i>Catawba</i> -----	.20 2.00	.30 3.00

## Why Not Have An Asparagus Bed?

Most of you have an idea that there is some great mystery about the growing of asparagus, and that you have no chance of success with it. Nothing to it. It really grows like a weed. Just give it room and decent cultivation, and you can't help but succeed. It's mighty good eating in the spring of the year, too. Nothing better.

The best way to get a start is from the plants. We have literally millions of them. Best size is strong 1 year. Some people though prefer 2 year. Take your choice. We have both.

Set the plants early. It's all bosh, this talk about trenching and all that. Just get the roots in the ground right side up and covered about 3 or 4 inches deep. That's all. Keep them well hoed all the first summer. Then in the fall mulch heavily and keep mulched heavy enough to keep the weeds down all the time from that on. Put plants 10 inches apart in the rows. Rows any convenient width apart. No crop the



### Bunched Asparagus

first year, but a fair crop the next year and plenty from then on for 20 years to come. Cut every day or every other day from early spring till peas come. Great money makers. Can't freeze out or dry out or drown out or hail out. Sure income. Regular pension. Sells readily at most places at 10c to 25c lb.

Field culture 12,000 plants per acre. Home garden with rows 2 feet apart, 100 plants for bed 10 ft. by 20 ft.

The best of the old varieties is *Conovers Colossal*, which we offer in the 2 yr., but in the 1 yr. we offer the new *Washington Rustproof*, which is a great improvement on all the old sorts, as it is practically free from the dreaded asparagus rust.

### Postpaid Prices of Asparagus Plants

These prices include delivery prepaid by either parcel post or express in zones 1, 2, 3, and 4. Beyond zone 4 add 10 per cent per zone prepay. Prices are for strong plants.

1 YEAR—Washington Rust Proof	2 YEAR—Conover's Colossal
Doz. 25 100 200 300 500 1000	
\$ .40 \$ .60 \$2.00 \$3.75 \$5.00 \$7.50 \$13.50	
	\$ .50 \$ .75 \$2.25 \$4.00 \$5.50 \$8.00 \$15.00

## Horse Radish

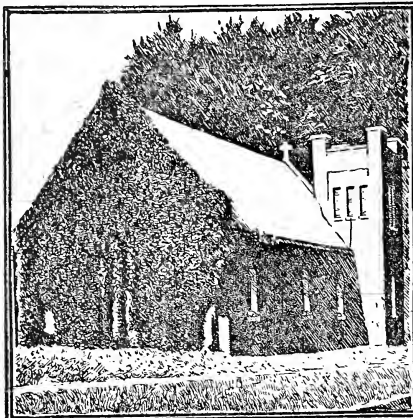
*Maliner Kren* or *Improved Bavarian*. Can be grown from either cuttings or crowns. The crowns are the top portion of the large roots and will make a big hill the first year.

Postpaid Prices	Doz. 100
<i>Horse Radish Crowns</i> (3 for 25c) 75c	\$4.00
<i>Horse Radish Cuttings</i> -----	35c \$1.50

For large lots Horst Radish cuttings, ask for special prices.

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## Ornamental Vines



Hybrid Boston Ivy (*Ampelopsis Engelmannii*) on the Episcopal church, Shenandoah, Iowa. Note how it clings to the wall.

These prices are postpaid in zones 1, 2, 3, and 4. Add 10 per cent per zone beyond.

Everyone likes vines on a house. They give shade to a window, protection to a porch and beauty to a pillar. Some of the varieties will climb and stick to a brick wall.

I have chosen a list of vines that can be depended upon anywhere and will grow for anyone. All of the ones named on this page are perfectly hardy and easy to grow.

Most vines do best planted in the spring—the earlier the better. I do not advise fall planting for them. If planted in a row along a wall or fence they should usually be planted about 3 ft. apart. On a building it is usually best to plant one or two at each window or pillar to be covered.

**Boston Ivy.** (*Ampelopsis Veitchii*). A beautiful climbing vine which clings tightly to any kind of a wall. Especially good on brick or stucco house walls. This is the true variety which "sticketh closer than a brother." 35c each, 2 for 65c, 3 for 95c, \$3.50 doz.

**Hybrid Boston Ivy.** (*Ampelopsis Engelmannii*). Larger and stronger growing than the Boston Ivy, and extremely hardy under all conditions, but does not cling quite so well. Used very extensively here and west, on account of its extreme hardness and rapid growth. Looks some like American Ivy but clings better. 35c each, 2 for 65c, 3 for 95c, \$3.50 per doz.

**American Ivy.** (*Virginia Creeper* or *Woodbine*). This is a native American vine and is hardy all over the country. It is a beautiful vine and the fastest grower of any. Requires some support. 35c each, 2 for 65c, \$3.50 doz.

**Madeira Vine.** (*Mexican Vine*). A beautiful annual vine growing from a bulb or tuber like a potato. The bulbs increase and keep over. Has thick waxy leaves and fragrant white flowers. Grows 10 to 15 ft. high. 5c each, 6 for 25c, 50c doz.

**Trumpet Flower.** (*Bignonia Radicans*). A hardy, native vine, an extra

strong grower and always looks well. Has glossy green leaves and large trumpet-shaped flowers. Blooms practically all summer and fall. Very useful for covering unsightly fences, stone piles, etc. Will climb anywhere if it can find anything to climb on. 45c each, 2 for 85c, \$4.50 doz.

**Bitter Sweet.** (*Celastrus Scandens*). A well known, hardy native vine. Yellow flowers in June, followed by orange-colored pods, which split open. 45c each, 2 for 85c, \$4.50 doz.

**Wistaria.** Beautiful climbing vine, with great drooping clusters of purple or white flowers. Hardy anywhere. We have the American Purple and the Chinese White. 65c each, 2 for \$1.25.

**Honeysuckle.** These are well known and loved by everyone. They are hardy and easy to grow. They are great climbers and will grow anywhere. They range from white to yellow and red in color of bloom. The best one to my notion is the Halleana, or Hall's Japanese Honeysuckle. It is practically ever-blooming, very fragrant and a great climber. 50c each, 2 for 95c, \$5.00 dozen. We also have the *Red Coral*, deep red variety at the same price.

**Clematis Paniculata.** (*Japanese Clematis*). Hardy, thrifty and quick growing. Has great masses of fragrant white flowers about the size of apple blossoms, in July, August and September. Climbs readily where there is any support or trellis. 45c each, 2 for 85c, \$4.50 doz.

**Clematis Jackmanii.** The big purple Clematis. Very fine, but hard to grow. We can furnish fine plants, but sell them without guarantee as to living. \$1.00 each.

## Rhubarb or Pieplant

Should be in every garden. Hardy everywhere. Grows from thick fleshy roots. Should be set in a well worked location with crowns about 4 inches below surface of soil. Use lots of manure spaded about the root in fall. The plants can be set either fall or spring and live very easily. They can be shipped safely by mail or express to any part of the country. See prices:

Prices Postpaid	Doz.	100
1 year-----3 for 25c	\$1.00	\$ 6.75
2 year -----2 for 25c	1.50	10.00

## Giant Seedless Rhubarb

We have a special strain of Rhubarb of the old fashioned big red tender juicy kind, like we used to call "wine plant", which throws up almost no seed stalks, but throws all its strength into the edible stems. It has taken us several years to work up a stock of it as it has to be increased by divisions, which is slow work, but you get the real thing that way. We now have enough that we can offer a limited amount of it, and I will guarantee it is the best Rhubarb you ever saw, and practically seedless. Price, postpaid, 2 for 25c, \$1.50 per dozen, \$10.00 per 100.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of nursery stock.

## \$2.25 Hardy Flower

### Collection

**Hardy Flowers for Fall or Spring Planting.** A whole garden for \$2.25. The most desirable of all flowers for a farm garden or for a town garden are the hardy flowers, that live and grow and bloom from year to year without any attention or replanting.

1 white peony, 1 red peony, 1 pink peony, 1 blue iris, 1 yellow iris, 1 white iris, 1 bush columbine, 1 hardy phlox, pink; 1 hardy phlox, red; 1 hardy hibiscus; 1 lemon lily.

This makes 11 bushes in all, which sell at \$2.65. Special price on this entire collection of \$2.25.

**Special Offer:** If you can get some of your neighbors to put in with you, I will make you an even lower price. Two complete collections for \$4.00, or three complete collections for \$5.75.

## \$2.00 Collection of Shrubs

**Collection of Hardy Shrubs.** I like best the old-fashioned ones like we used to see in grandmother's garden. I have made up here a list of 5 old favorites that will suit every one. You will find a long list farther over; but if you want just a few, and haven't much money to spend here is the list you want:

1 Hardy White Rose, 1 Snowball, 1 Bridal Wreath, 1 Hardy Hydrangea, 1 Purple Lilac.

1 good-sized plant of each for \$2.00 postpaid in zones 1, 2, 3 and 4. Outside zone 4 add 10 per cent per zone.

## An Old Fashioned Garden

### 20 Perennials for \$3.00

For those who like the old fashioned flowers that come up every year, but who do not know exactly what to buy, we have made up a collection of 20 plants which will give you flowers practically all summer, and will come up and bloom every year with no special care. The list will probably be made up of the following sorts, but we may change it a little from time to time. *Columbine*, *Coreopsis*, *Shasta Daisy*, *Delphinium*, *Gaillardia*, *Hardy Phlox*, *Hollyhocks*, *Lemon Lily*, *Tiger Lily*, *Day Lily*. It will all be good big plants or clumps, fresh and sure to grow, and will be our own selection of sorts. We cannot make up a collection to order for you at this price. If there are special things you want, better order them separately. There will be at least 10 different kinds, (2 of each), and probably more. All will be carefully labeled and well packed, and sent prepaid.

Price, \$3.00. Postpaid in zones 2, 3, or 4. Add 10 per cent for each zone beyond.

## Hardy Perennials



**Sweet William, An Old-Fashioned Favorite**

Prices on all plants on this page unless otherwise noted, 25c ea., 2 for 45c, 6 for \$1.00, \$2.00 per doz. Postpaid in zones 2, 3 and 4. Add a little for postage beyond.

**Achillea (The Pearl).** Pure white, double, flowers all summer, prized for cutting.

**Bleeding Heart.** An old favorite. It will grow well anywhere and is one of the few flowers that will grow and bloom well where they get no sun whatever. 2 to 3 ft. high. 65c each, 2 for \$1.25, \$6.50 doz.

**Butterfly Bush (Buddleia Magnifica)** A hardy perennial which blooms the first season up to frost. The woody stems die back each winter and start from the roots in the spring. Makes a good specimen plant or can be used for hedge. Do not plant in sod or in too much shade. 40c each, 2 for 75c, \$4.00 per doz.

**Canterbury Bells (Campanula).** An old time favorite, sometimes known as cup-and-saucer flower. Handsome. Blue or white cup shaped flower, blooming in June or July. 2 to 3 ft. high.

**Chrysanthemum. (Hardy Pompom)** Not much to say about it. The old fashioned and favorite, in colors white, yellow, red.

**Columbine (Aquilegia).** A native of our Iowa timber. We can supply both single or double in mixed colors which include all shades of blue, pink and yellow.

**Coreopsis Lanceolata.** Somewhat like a daisy, but deep solid yellow in color with a dark brown center. Bloom all summer and fall. 1 to 2 feet high.

**Digitalis (Foxglove).** An old-fash-

ioned favorite, bearing tall spikes of delicate flowers. Mixed colors. Grows 2 to 3 feet high. 35c each, 2 for 65c, \$3.50 doz.

**Delphinium (Hardy Larkspur).** This beautiful tall plant is something like the common annual larkspur, only it is perfectly hardy and grows from 3 to 5 feet high with large clusters of beautiful flowers, ranging from pure snowy white, through all the shades of blue to dark purple.

**Gaillardia (Blanket Flower).** Sometimes known as pin-cushion plant. The flower is shaped somewhat like a daisy in a brilliant blending of red, yellow and brown. The center instead of being small like a daisy is about an inch across and is as round as a marble, giving it the name of pin-cushion plant. Grows 2 to 3 ft. high.

**Gypsophila Paniculata (Baby's Breath).** A branching plant with a mass of dainty very small white flowers. Fine for trimming bouquets and desirable for growing where a mass of delicate misty bloom is wanted to fill a bare spot in your garden.

**Hardy Phlox.** This I consider one of the most desirable of hardy flowers. The flower heads often measure from 7 to 9 inches across. The flowers are as large as a silver quarter and in some cases as large as a half dollar. They comprise all shades from vermilion to white. They do best in a sunny location and rich soil, but are not particular and will do well anywhere, and will bloom nicely in the partial shade. They can be set either in the fall or in the spring, but not late in the spring. Bloom from early summer until frost. Grow 2 to 3 feet high. Colors are Red, White, Pink, White with a Red Eye, and Pink with a Red Eye.

**Hardy Phlox Mixed—Special Offer.** Mixed Phlox, all fine plants, but not labeled as to color, good colors and good strong plants, 3 for 50c, 6 for 85c, \$1.50 per dozen.

**Hollyhocks.** These are well known, and need no description. No old-fashioned garden is complete without them. We can supply a splendid lot of them in either single or double, mostly in mixed colors. The single varieties have the largest blooms and are the healthiest and best growers. The best way to plant them is as a back-ground, say along the fence or next to the wall of a house.

**Oxe-eye Daisy.** This is the old-fashioned Marguerite Daisy which is smaller than the Shasta Daisy but very free blooming and extremely hardy.

**Perennial Sweet Peas (Lathyrus Latifolius).** Looks like the regular sweet pea, but lives for years and gets better the older it gets. Will stand any amount of drouth and stay green and blooming. They come in white, pink, and red, or mixtures of these colors. A single plant when well established will make a great mass of vines. Sometimes grows 5 to 8 feet high.

**Pinks.** We have a number of varieties of hardy pinks, but the best are the four we list, the *Diadem*, the *Fireball*, *Snowball*, and the old-fashioned *Grass Pinks*. The *Diadem* comes in all colors mixed, and is remarkably bright in appearance. The *Fireball* is big bright red almost like a carnation. The *Snowball* is the same thing only it is white. The *Grass Pink* is a favorite in old-fashioned gardens. It is small but intensely fragrant. Grow 1 to 2 feet high.

**Shasta Daisy.** The Shasta Daisy is the giant daisy of California introduced by Luther Burbank. They grow about 2 feet high with enormous white flowers, sometimes 4 or 5 inches across with a small yellow center. They make large plants with literally hundreds of blooms to a plant.

**Sweet William.** Everyone knows these beautiful old-fashioned flowers. They are hardy everywhere. They grow like pinks but make great heads of blooms instead of separate flowers. Grows 1 to 2 feet high.

**Tritoma. (Red Hot Poker, Flame Flower, or Sky Rocket Plant).** An old favorite. Blooms from August to first of October. Sends up fine spikes of scarlet-orange flowers which look well in masses or alone. They are not absolutely hardy and must be mulched well. 35c each, 2 for 65c, 3 for 95c.

Large Clumps of most of these plants can be supplied on special orders at double the prices named, but not postpaid.

## Hardy Lilies

**Lemon Lily. (Hemerocallis).** A very fragrant, hardy old-fashioned flower. It blooms in May very freely, in clusters on slender stems about 2 feet high.

**Day Lily. (Hemerocallis Fulva).** Much like the Lemon lily except that it is darker in color and taller. It blooms in July and August.

**Tiger Lily. (Lilium Tigrinum).** A deep orange red, with black spots. Very showy and hardy.

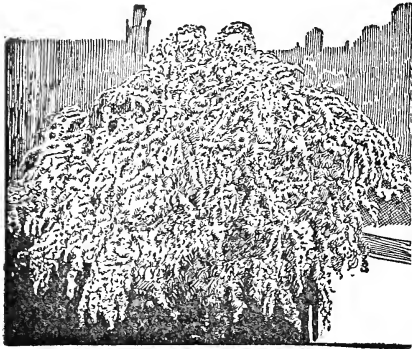
**Lily of the Valley.** A beautiful old fashioned flower, well known to everyone. Perfectly hardy and increases rapidly. Very fragrant. 4 for 35c. 75c per dozen.

## Hardy Ferns, 20 for \$5.00

These are not the house plant ferns, but the big hardy *Ostrich Plume* ferns that grow outdoors and live over winter. They do best in partial shade such as the north side of the house. We sell 20 for \$5.00, delivered postpaid, and would suggest 12 *Ostrich Plume*, 4 *Goldsies*, and 4 *Osmundas*, but can give you 20 *Ostrich Plume* if you prefer. 10 for \$3.00, or 1 for 50c, postpaid. Large lots \$20.00 per 100, by express not prepaid.

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## Hardy Ornamental Shrubs



**Spirea Van Houtii.** Best of all Spireas.

Prices on all shrubs below (unless otherwise noted), 35c each, 2 for 60c, 4 for \$1.00, if all alike. No postage charge in zones 2, 3, or 4. Add 10 per cent per zone beyond.

**Althea (Rose of Sharon).** This shrub deserves to be better known and more generally planted as it is beautiful, free blooming, clean, and hardy except under extreme conditions when it may kill back a little. Practically ever-blooming. Large showy flowers in either Red, White or Purple, and either single or double.

**Barberry, Thunbergii.** A very pretty dwarf barberry from Japan. Has glossy, green foliage changing to a coppery red in the fall. Has attractive yellow blossoms and little red berries which hang on all winter. Makes a beautiful specimen plant, and is also fine in groups or as a hedge.

**Bush Honeysuckle.** A fine showy plant for either a single or for groups or hedges. Colors white, pink or red.

**Calycanthus.** The old-fashioned "Sweet-scented Shrub." Has velvety deep purple flowers.

**Dogwood, Red Barked.** Grows from 3 to 6 feet high and has small white blooms, but is especially valued for the bright red color of the twigs.

**Deutzia.** A very showy Japanese shrub of dense upright growth, bearing a profusion of showy white or rose colored flowers. State color wanted.

**Forsythia (Golden Bell),** Vigorous grower, drooping branches, with yellow flowers.

**Flowering Quince (Japonica).** A low growing, bushy, thorny quince, literally covered in the early spring with glowing scarlet blooms. 50c each, 2 for 95c, \$5.00 doz.

**Golden Elder.** Foliage a bright golden yellow all season.

**High Bush Cranberry.** Similar to Snowballs but the bloom is more open and spreading. Blooms profusely in

May, followed later by clusters of bright scarlet fruit something like cranberries, but not edible. 45c each, 2 for 85c, or \$4.50 dozen.

**Hydrangea Arb. (Everblooming or Hills of Snow).** A true Hydrangea, which is practically everblooming from July on. Pure white blooms borne freely on slender branches. Very desirable. 50c each, 2 for 95c, \$5.00 per dozen.

**Hydrangea P. G.** This is the dwarf growing plant with the enormous blooms which change to purple and green late in the fall. Can be trained to tree form if desired. Hardy. 50c each, 2 for 95c, \$5.00 per dozen.

**Lilac. Purple.** One of the best of the old fashioned flowers. Blooms freely when once established, and will grow anywhere.

**Lilac. White.** Same as above but pure white in color. Grows all right but is harder to propagate, and so costs more. 45c each, 2 for 85c, \$4.50 doz.

**Snowball.** A well known old favorite. Grows 8 to 10 feet high. Bears great clusters of snowy white globes of flowers in May. Hardy everywhere. 45c each, 2 for 85c, \$4.50 doz.

**Snowberry.** A fine ornamental shrub, very hardy, and bearing great clusters of waxy white berries which stay on all fall and winter.

**Spirea Anthony Waterer.** A new, crimson flowering spirea. Dwarfish and very compact, growing 15 to 18 inches in height and covered nearly the whole growing season with deep crimson flowers. Perfectly hardy and fine for low clumps. 45c each, 2, 85c.

**Spirea Billardii.** A hardy upright shrub, 4 to 5 feet in height. Flowers in dense panicles of rich pink. Blooms in July and August and frequently again in the fall.

**Spirea Van Houtii.** The grandest of all the spireas; a beautiful ornament for the lawn at any season. When in flower is a fountain of white bloom attaining a height of 5 to 6 feet.

**Syringa (Mock Orange).** A hardy free flowering shrub with the most showy, fragrant flowers. Grows 8 to 10 feet in height, with spreading and often arching branches. Very fragrant. 35c each, 2 for 65c, or \$3.50 doz.

**Spirea Thunbergii.** Dwarf growing, and very early blooming, with fine white flowers.

**Tamarix.** A hardy shrub of strong growth, with foliage light and feathery as asparagus. Very fine for single plants if kept trimmed, but lately has been much used for hedging. Will stand extreme of heat and cold.

**Weigela Candida.** Flowers pure white and produced in great profusion in June, and continues to bloom at intervals through the summer. 50c.

**Weigela Rosea.** The tallest growing. Foliage of a very dark green, flowers bright rose. 50c each, 2 95c.

**Weigela Eva Rathke.** Dark red in color. Blooms more profusely than the Candida and Rosea, and is more dwarfish in habit. 50c each, 2 for 95c.



## New Hardy Hibiscus

One of the finest of all hardy flowering plants is the new **Hardy Hibiscus**. It blooms from June on until frost and makes a beautiful show. The flowers are very large, often 6 inches across, and come in all shades of red and pink, as well as pure white and white with red center.

The first of this species to be listed was the white with red center, which was listed as "Crimson Eye", but it can be had now in all shades of red, pink and white.

The old fashioned hibiscus was beautiful but tender, but this new type is absolutely hardy anywhere. It has a thick fleshy root like a peony, which lives for years and gets bigger every year. Blooms first season planted.

The bush is about 4 feet high, well spread out, and stiff and woody, and covered with the big beautiful blooms all summer and fall from June on.

It is beautiful as a single plant on the lawn, as a cluster in the background, or as a bushy hedge. So far as I have seen it has no diseases or insect enemies. Can be had in either white, pink, red or mixed.

They should be planted in the spring the same as any other shrub.

Price, 2 for 45c, 4 for 85c, or \$2.50 per dozen.

**About Sizes.** Our shrubs are all nice thrifty 2 yr. plants, 12 to 18 inches high, and well rooted. If you want extra large plants, 3 to 4 years old, we can supply them on special order, at double the prices named, not postpaid.

## Lawn Grass Seed

Of course you want a nice green lawn. That is as important as flowers. We can sell you the right kind of seed that will grow if it has the right conditions. You must have the soil well worked, fine and mellow on top and packed underneath, and well fertilized. Also you must have plenty of moisture till the little grass gets rooted. Use 1 pound of seed to each 200 to 300 square feet, sown shallow and rolled if possible. Price postpaid, 50c per lb., large lots not postpaid, see monthly price list.

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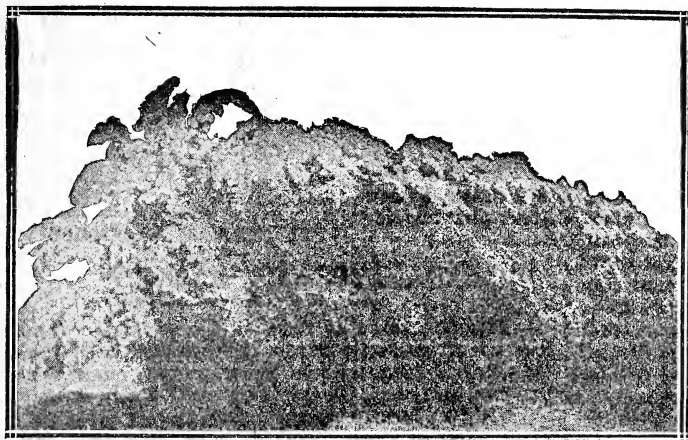
## Hedge Plants

### What to Plant for a Hedge

It takes a hedge to set a yard off right. Either for a partition line, for a border drive, or for a screen at the back. If you want a screen at the back to grow tall and not to be trimmed much, plant *Bridal Wreath* (*Spirea*). If you want a low hedge to be kept trimmed, plant *Barberry* or *Privet*. There are three privets, all good, the main difference being that the California is not entirely hardy everywhere, while the other two are hardy anywhere. Here are the prices. Plant from 1 foot to 2 feet apart in the row. The closer distance is the best.

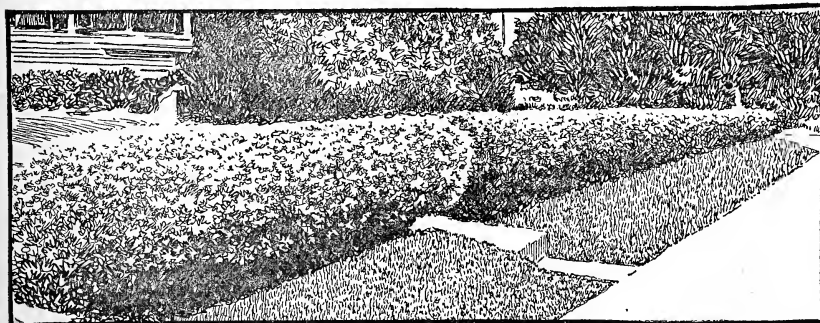
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<i>Barberry Thunbergii</i> , the rustless kind-----	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
<i>Spirea Van Houtii</i> , beautiful Bridal Wreath-----	3.00	5.00	20.00
<i>California Privet</i> , fast growing; not hardy-----	2.00	3.00	12.00
<i>Amoor River Privet</i> , hardy anywhere-----	3.00	5.00	20.00
<i>Ibota Privet</i> , hardy, bushy, attractive-----	3.00	5.00	20.00
<i>Tamarix Amur</i> , very hardy for windy places-----	3.00	5.00	20.00
<i>Spirea Thunbergii</i> , dwarf, early blooming-----	3.00	5.00	20.00

Above prices are postpaid in zones 2, 3 and 4. For zones beyond, add 10 per cent per zone.



### Spirea Van Houtii As a Hedge

You never saw a much finer hedge than *Spirea* makes. It is a mass of white when in bloom, and the green foliage is beautiful all summer. Should not be sheared closely if you want good blooms, but the branches should be allowed to grow and droop as they wish. At the price we sell them, you can afford to plant them close in the row, which gives the best effect. We sell the plants in quantities at 20c each, postpaid, in zones 2, 3 and 4. This would cost you only \$10 for plants for a 50 foot hedge.



### Privet, the Ideal Trimmed Hedge

If you want a hedge to keep trimmed, *Privet* is the thing to plant. Set the plants 1 foot apart in the row. Cut them back severely when planting, and make them branch. Then keep them trimmed smooth and you will get the result shown in this picture. See table above for low quantity prices.

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## About Barberry

Some people are afraid of Barberry because they have heard that it carries the wheat rust, but that is a different Barberry entirely. The one we sell is rustless and safe. It has beautiful copper colored leaves and bright berries which hang on in the winter. It is low growing and needs but little trimming. Quantity price only 20c, delivered in zones 2, 3, 4.

## Annual Evergreen Hedge

When you want a hedge in a hurry there is nothing to beat the *Annual Evergreen*, or as it is sometimes called Mock Cypress. It grows easily from seed, and makes a good hedge in 8 to 10 weeks. Price of seed, oz., 25c, pkt. 5c.

## A Hedge of Roses

One of the finest hedges you could possibly have is a hedge of roses, and it is not such a hard matter as you might suppose either.

The plan I like best is to make a wire or wooden trellis whatever height you prefer, and train climbing roses over it solid. It will look nice at all seasons, and will be a wonderful sight when in bloom in June.

The best rose for this purpose is the Pink Rambler, *Dorothy Perkins*, as it is absolutely hardy, a strong grower, and clean and healthy, and a very free bloomer. We sell strong 2 year plants. Price, 65c each, or in lots of 4 or more, 50c each, postpaid.

Other good roses for this purpose would be *Paul's Scarlet*, *Prairie Queen*, and *White Dorothy Perkins*. We can supply them at the same prices.

## Bush Rose Hedge

If you want a hedge of bush roses, the ideal ones would be the two hybrid Rugosa roses described below, as they are of ironclad hardness, free from disease, and bloom freely on stiff sturdy bushes.

*Sir Thos. Lipton*. Pure white, fragrant, free blooming, and absolutely hardy.

*Conrad F. Meyer*. Very similar to above but silvery pink in color, and shaped more like a tea rose.

Price, either variety, 2 yr., 65c ea., or in lots of 4 or over, 50c each, postpaid.

## Other Roses

See pages 52 and 53 for other roses.

## A Hedge of Hollyhocks

Hollyhocks make a mighty nice hedge and will come up every year in the same place. They are especially good for a tall back hedge or as a screen for fences, buildings, or alley. Price, \$2.00 per dozen plants.

## Roses

There are whole books on rose culture so we will only attempt to give a few important pointers. First of all, select a very rich soil in a warm sunny location. You cannot make it too rich for roses. Early planting is best—say the first of May here in southern Iowa. Plant in beds or rows. We like our flowers in rows here so that we can tend them quickly. Better place the plants about two feet apart. Cover the tops of the newly planted bush with a mound of loose dirt about six inches high. It will keep the tops from drying out. After the buds swell and start, rake the dirt away. Prune the bush each season, cutting out old and weak canes, and cutting back the remaining ones about one-half, early before growth starts.

Roses are best planted in beds. If they are to be worked from both sides, five or six feet is wide enough and three feet is the proper width for beds against the walls. Beds that are too wide necessitate stepping in them when picking the blooms or when cultivating. Narrow beds are poor because of the intrusion of grass roots upon the nourishment which would otherwise go to the roses. Best to reserve the rosebed for roses alone.

Remember when you trim roses that in most cases the climbers bloom on the wood of the previous season while on the ordinary bush rose it is the new wood, or wood of the present season that bears the bloom. Do not cut any but the dead wood off on the climbers and trim rather severely the bush type.

There is nothing much finer than roses. Everyone loves them and tries to grow them. And almost everyone can succeed, too. Get big two-year plants ready for immediate blooming. There are hundreds of varieties of them, but the ones I have listed here are the cream of the list. All postpaid in zones 2, 3 and 4. 10 per cent for each additional zone beyond.

### Everblooming Roses

The strictly everblooming roses are not absolutely hardy, but with some protection in the winter will often carry through in good shape. For instance, I have *Gruss an Teplitz* bushes 10 years old. They are certainly a great pleasure for too. They are worth all they cost simply for the first year. Plant them as early in the spring as you can and plant the 2 year by all means. We sell the 2 year field grown dormant plants until it is too late in the spring for them, and then switch to 2 year green growing plants from the greenhouse. Price, 2 year, 65c each, 2 for \$1.25, 6 for \$3.50, or \$6.50 per dozen. Here is a list of the best ones:

*Mme. Pernet Ducher.* Apricot shaded to orange.

*Red Radiance.* Very dark red.

*Bessie Brown.* Flesh color.

*Duchess de Brabant.* Light rose, amber shading.

*LaFrance.* Peach blossom clouded with rosy flesh.

*British Queen.* Pure white.

*Clothilde Soupert.* Blush white.

*Hermosa.* Clear, delicate pink.

*Gen. McArthur.* Glowing crimson, fragrant.

*Guss an Teplitz.* Rich crimson.

*Kaiserin.* Best white, large.

*Killarney.* A good pink.

*Ophelia.* Salmon shaded with rose.

*Etoile D'France.* Clear crimson.

**SPECIAL OFFER—All 14 varieties, one strong 2-year plant of each, postpaid-----\$7.00**

### Baby Ramblers

These dainty little Baby Rambler roses have won the love of everyone. They are sure to grow and bloom, start blooming young and keep at it so steadily that every one is pleased. These are not climbers, but little bush roses from 1 to 2 feet high. They will live out for years, or will do well in the house. They bloom in great clusters like the well known Crimson Rambler, but on a little bush, and they bloom steadily all summer.

*Red Baby Rambler.* Bright crimson-----\$ .65

*Pink Baby Rambler.* Beautiful bright pink----- .65

*White Baby Rambler.* Creamy white----- .65

**SPECIAL OFFER—All three of these Everblooming Baby Ramblers in 2-year size, postpaid-----\$1.75**

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General Jacqueminot

## Hardy Roses

This is a valuable class, as the varieties mentioned below are all perfectly hardy and produce large flowers like the General Jacqueminot. They produce quantities of roses in June, and some bloom again quite freely in the fall.

This is one rose that is under planted, that is, we should plant more of them. Nothing more attractive, and one of the best bloomers for it will bloom in most cases up till frost kills it back.

### Favorite Hybrid Perpetuals

Here is a list of other good bush roses of the same general type as the General Jack—what are called Hybrid Perpetuals. They are all hardy, bloom freely in June, and more or less all summer. All the same price. Strong 2-year plants. 65c each, 2 for \$1.25, 6 for \$3.50, or \$6.50 per dozen. Either all alike or assorted.

*Frau Karl Druschki.* Pure white.

*American Beauty.* Color deep pink.

*Anna de Diesback.* Flowers extra large pink.

*Captain Hayward.* Bright crimson.

*Gen. Jacqueminot.* Brilliant crimson.

*Hugh Dickson.* Crimson shaded scarlet.

*Magna Charta.* Bright rosy pink.

*Prince de Rohan.* Deep dark red.

*Paul Neyron.* The clear pink rose.

*Ulrich Brunner.* Bright cherry red.

**SPECIAL OFFER—All 10 named above, one good 2-year plant of each, postpaid, for only-----\$5.50**

We sell entirely 2-year field grown rose plants, good, thrifty, hardy, sturdy plants. They are dormant, that is, they have shed their leaves and rested, and are just starting to sprout when you get them. They are on their own roots, too, not budded, except in a very few cases.

Later in the spring we sell, from a separate list, green growing roses, direct from the greenhouses, in both 1 year and 2 year, but they are a separate deal.

## Old Fashioned Hardy Garden Roses

I advise 2-year plants only in these. They are the old-time favorites of our grandmothers' days. Hardy, fragrant and sure to bloom every year without care. Price 65c each, 2 for \$1.25, 6 for \$3.50, or \$6.50 per dozen.

*Mad. Plantier.* Pure white.....65c

*Persian Yellow.* Double deep yellow.....65c

*Moss Roses.* Red, pink or white.....65c

## Cemetery Roses

There is a great demand for hardy white roses for cemetery use, and I especially advise *Mad. Plantier* as the hardiest large white bush rose, and the *White Memorial*, or *Wichuriana* as the best creeping or trailing rose. They will both grow anywhere, are perfectly hardy, are pure white, and free blooming. Price 65c each, 2 for \$1.20, 6 for \$3.00, or \$6.00 per dozen.

## Hardy Hedge Roses

The hybrid Rogosa roses are especially valuable for hedges, as they are of ironclad hardiness, free from disease and insect troubles, and bloom freely, on stiff sturdy bushes. Here are the two best—almost everblooming.

*Sir Thos. Lipton.* Pure white, fragrant, free blooming, and absolutely hardy. 2 year plants, 65c each, 2 for \$1.20, 4 for \$2.00, 12 for \$6.00.

*Conrad F. Meyer.* Very similar to the above, but silvery pink in color. They go well together. 2 year plants, 65c each, 2 for \$1.20, 4 for \$2.00, 12 for \$6.00.

## The Rose—The Queen of Flowers



The Rose, the Queen of Flowers, is justly one of the most popular. Few plants give better satisfaction to the lover of beautiful flowers when properly treated. To obtain the most satisfactory results, roses should be planted in well drained, rich, deep loamy soil, and given a location where they will have sunlight and a circulation of air. For winter protection an application of composite or manure should be given them in late autumn, and spaded into the ground the following spring. All my roses are two-year-old, feild grown plants, about 2 to 3 feet high, and well rooted. You will find my prices very reasonable, much lower than you can buy from agents. In my garden I protect my bush roses over winter. In the fall I cut them back somewhat, then lay them down, and cover first with dirt and when it gets colder, with strawy manure. In this way I am sure to get my roses through the winter in good shape. This I would advise everywhere where the thermometer will go down to 10 above zero or lower.

## Green Growing Rose Plants

In addition to the roses listed on these two pages, we sell during the spring, green growing plants in both 1 year and 2 year sizes, shipped direct from the greenhouses of a rose grower in another state. These are listed separately in Seed Sense. They are taken right out of the pots with their leaves all on, the roots packed in damp moss, and sent by mail. If you are interested in these soft plants, see Seed Sense. In the 1 year size, they are cheaper than these field grown plants but not nearly so large plants.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of nursery stock



## Hardy Climbing Roses

PRICES—Strong 2-year plants, any variety, 65c each, 2 for \$1.20, 4 for \$2.00, \$6.00 per dozen, either all alike or assorted.

### All 2 year size

<i>Paul's Scarlet.</i>	Deepest red of any.....	65c
<i>Dr. Van Fleet.</i>	Large flesh pink.....	65c
<i>Philadelphia Rambler.</i>	Deep red.....	65c
<i>Thousand Beauties.</i>	In white to pink.....	65c
<i>Excelsa.</i>	Like Crimson Rambler but hardier.....	65c
<i>Flower of Fairfield.</i>	Crimson Rambler type.....	65c
<i>Silvery Moon.</i>	Very large, snow white.....	65c
<i>Baltimore Belle.</i>	Double, bluish white.....	65c
<i>Gardenia.</i>	Opening cream color.....	65c
<i>Prairie Queen.</i>	Large flower, bright red.....	65c
<i>Seven Sisters.</i>	Large clusters red roses.....	65c
<i>American Pillar.</i>	Large pink.....	65c
<b>SPECIAL OFFER—Any four of these in 2-year.....</b>		<b>\$2.00</b>

## The Rambler Roses

<b>Crimson Rambler.</b> Well known deep red.....	65c	
<b>Pink Rambler.</b> ( <i>Dorothy Perkins</i> ). Pink.....	65c	
<b>White Rambler.</b> White, like Dorothy Perkins.....	65c	
<b>Yellow Rambler.</b> Fine cream yellow.....	65c	
<b>SPECIAL OFFER—The full set of 4 Hardy Ramblers,</b> red, white, pink and yellow, 2-year.....		\$2.00
Any two for.....		\$1.20

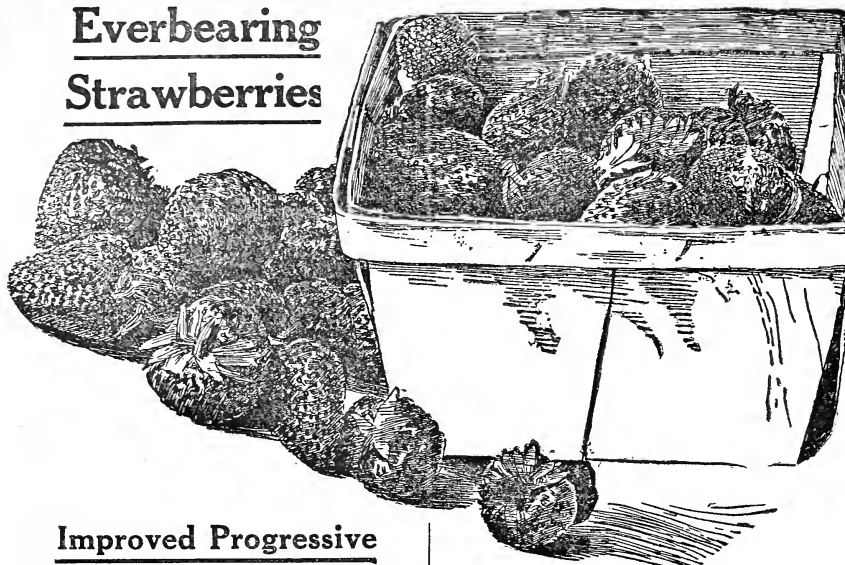
## Dorothy Perkins—The Pink Rambler Rose

The Ramblers are the ideal climbing roses and can be had in almost any color. The pink one, *Dorothy Perkins*, I consider really the best one of the bunch. It is extra hardy, a strong grower, and a sure bloomer. Price, 65c each, 2 for \$1.20, 4 for \$2.00.

## Climbing American Beauty

A climbing form of the celebrated American Beauty Rose. Has the same blooms and same beautiful deep rose color and fragrance. Every bloom perfect. Grows to a height of 15 feet, producing hundreds of blooms at one time. Can be grown practically anywhere without protection. 2-years, 75c each.

## Everbearing Strawberries



### Improved Progressive

We are offering entirely this year a much improved strain of everbearing strawberries, which we call "*Improved Progressive*," as it is a true *Progressive* with all the faults eliminated, and all the good points intensified. It is simply a case of intelligent plant selection from the original strain. Only the very best and most desirable plants have been saved for mother plants to propagate from.

For ten years or more I have considered the *Progressive* the best of all the Everbearers, and while I have tried dozens of others, have never yet found one as good as *Progressive*.

Like all improved varieties, however, it has a tendency to degenerate or "run out," and especially to tend toward less fruit and more plants, as the plants that make the most fruit make the least plants, and especially the ones that bear heaviest all summer, in the true everbearing fashion, make few plants. The result is that if you don't watch and select mother plants closely, you soon have a poor bearing strain.

So we have been selecting the best plants for mother plants, staking them when in bearing, and saving plants from these plants only, until we have absolutely the best strain of *Progressive* I have ever seen, and the best Everbearer of any kind or any name. It is so distinctive that we have named it "*Improved Progressive*."

All *Progressives* you get from us in the future, whether so specified or not, will be this new improved strain. We will grow no other. And we will keep up our selective work so as to keep it up to its present standard.

With us, it bears the first summer and all summer on every plant, and big fine berries.

### What They Are Like

They look just like any other strawberry—that is, any extra good one. They are about the size of Warfield or Dunlap, maybe a little larger, very

dark red, and the sweetest, spiciest berry I ever tasted. The plant is strong and vigorous, and yields enormously. I have seen as high as 100 berries and blooms on a single plant. They bear at the regular season same as any strawberry, only heavier, if anything. I never saw berries bear as full as mine did the second spring (13 months from the time they were set). This after they had already borne all the previous summer. Then they keep on blooming and bearing all summer without a stop. Not so heavy as they did in June, but some berries all the time and an extra heavy setting in September and October. They are the only strawberry that will give you any returns the first season you set them. With the ordinary varieties you wait a full year for fruit. With these you begin getting fruit within six weeks after they are set, and more and more as the season advances. You get enough fruit the first year to repay you for the work and cost. Then the next spring you have a nice bed ready to make a big crop in May or June. And after that berries again all summer. Sounds good, doesn't it?

### Care and Culture

You must remember that you can't get something for nothing out of these plants, any more than with anything else. They must have good soil, good care and plenty of moisture. It's hard work bearing berries out of season and making plants, too, and getting ready for a crop next spring. If they have to fight hard soil, or thin soil, or weeds or drouth, they will simply give up and quit, and you can't blame them. Give them the best soil you have, the kind that would grow a big crop of potatoes, or corn, or onions. No harm to be a trifle heavy and moist. Set the plants early, the earlier the better. April is twice as good as May. Good distance for home garden is 2 feet each way. In the field  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

Keep the ground stirred and loose

all the time. Never let a crust form or a weed start. If it gets terribly dry, irrigate if you possibly can. I like the overhead sprinkling system, but the ditch system is all right. Any way so you get the water on and down to the roots. Stir the soil as soon as it begins to dry after you water, so as to stop evaporation. I don't believe in clipping the runners or blooms ordinarily. Let them do as they please. Mulch with straw, strawy manure or corn fodder, when the ground freezes, and leave it on in the spring. It will help keep the ground moist. The Everbearing are perfectly hardy.

I prefer the variety known as "*Improved Progressive*." There are lots of others and I have tried most of them. Have kept this one. The description above refers to them.

### Reduced Prices on Strawberry Plants Improved Progressive Everbearing

25 plants	-----	\$ .60
50 plants	-----	1.10
100 plants	-----	2.00
200 plants	-----	3.75
300 plants	-----	5.00
500 plants	-----	8.00

Send your order now and we will send you the plants by parcel post at the proper time for planting.

These prices are all postpaid by parcel post, safe delivery guaranteed. Ask for prices on large amounts. Plants are guaranteed to be genuine Everbearing or I will replace them 2 to 1.

### Common Strawberries

We have arranged with a first class grower to furnish us plants of the Senator (Dunlap) which we consider by far the best of the ordinary strawberries, and we can furnish you what you want of them at the following prices:

*Senator Strawberries*, 50 for 65c, 100 for \$1.25, 200 for \$2.25, 500 for \$4.00—all postpaid zones 1, 2, 3, 4.

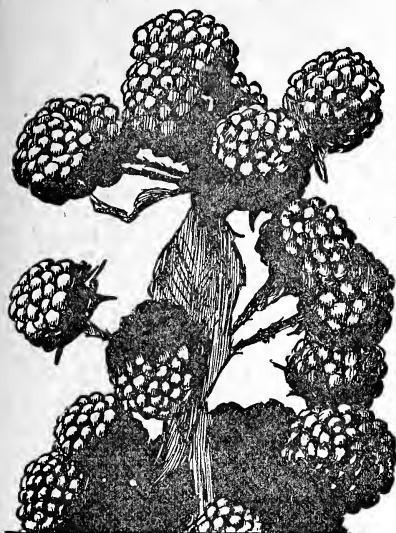
We can also furnish fine plants of Aroma the great southern strawberry, at the same prices as the Senators. Ask for special prices on large lots.

### Fall Setting of Strawberries

Always during the summer and fall we get lots of letters and orders from people who want to set out strawberries in August or September. I am sorry to say it can't be done, or at least not under ordinary conditions. If you have your own plants and can take them up with a spade full of dirt so as not to disturb the roots you may have fair success, but to dig and ship plants in the ordinary way would be plain murder. In the south, where the winters are very mild, you can plant in November all right, but not in the north. There is really just one month in the year to set strawberry plants, and that is April, or in a late season the first of May. You should have set them then. If you did not, you should get the ground ready now and plant next spring, or in the south, late this fall.

Ask for special prices on large lots of any kind of nursery stock.

## Raspberries



Cumberland Raspberries

Raspberries are the most delicious and popular of our small fruits, except possibly strawberries. They are always in demand in season and bring good prices everywhere. They will do well in most any soil. Have the ground prepared and plant in rows 5 feet apart and 3 feet apart in the row. Keep well cultivated and free from weeds and they will produce large crops and will well repay for all trouble. As soon as they are done bearing cut out the old wood so as to give strength and vigor to the new canes which are to produce your next year's crop of berries.

### Varieties of Raspberries

**Cumberland** is the largest berry of all the black caps, a strong grower, heavy bearer, and excellent quality.

**Black Pearl.** A very hardy and prolific western variety of good size, color, and flavor. Healthy and heavy bearer.

**Kansas** is earlier than either Cumberland or Gregg, is a great table berry, moderately juicy and good flavor, stands drouths well and is an all-around good berry to plant.

**Columbian** is purple, but of somewhat different nature in growth. Is very firm for a purple variety and is very hardy. Berries large, and fine quality.

**Latham Red (Minn. No. 4).** An extra hardy red raspberry from Minnesota. Good in every way, and early.

**Cuthbert** is one of the old standbys, well-known almost everywhere, sweet and rich, very hardy, and one of the best late sorts.

**St. Regis or Everbearing Red** is a splendid novelty, brilliant crimson, good size, early to ripen, and continues to produce until late in October.

	Each	Doz.	100
All varieties	-----	\$ .10	\$1.00 \$7.50

## Blackberries

Blackberries require the same treatment as raspberries. They do well on almost any soil and bear good crops of fruit. We list four of the best varieties covering the season of ripening.

**Early Harvest** is the earliest, a very compact, dwarfish grower and can be planted closer than other varieties. Fruit rather small and sweet. Not recommended for extreme north.

**Erie** is early, hardier than Early Harvest and much larger fruit. Black and firm, is a splendid bearer.

**Eldorado** is very hardy, everywhere. Fruit large and borne in clusters, quality unsurpassed.

**Snyder**, a favorite everywhere, often growing 7 to 8 feet if allowed to run up. Very productive, berries of medium size and very sweet. Season of ripening longer than any other variety. Probably hardiest of any.

	Each	Doz.	100
All varieties	-----	\$ .12	\$1.20 \$8.00

## Currants

Currants require about the same soil and cultivation as gooseberries to succeed well. Tops should be well cut back in planting out, leaving only two or three sprouts to grow first season.

**Black Naples** is the only black currant we handle and about the only variety planted to any extent in this country. In red currants we list three and you cannot go wrong on any of them.

**Cherry** is large, very deep red, rather acid, but fine for jelly.

**Fay's Prolific** is not so red, bunches very large, is very productive.

**North Star** is the strongest grower of all the red varieties; berries large and heavy clustered.

**White Grape** best of white varieties.

	Each	Doz.	100
All varieties	-----	\$ .30	\$3.00 \$20.00

(Gooseberries, Currants cannot be shipped west of Missouri River, account Government quarantine).

## Transplanted Raspberries

There is considerable call, from people who are in a hurry to get fruit started, for transplanted or 2 year raspberry plants, but we have never offered them before as it is quite a job to grow them an extra year. We have a few now, however, in each of the colors, red, black and purple, which we will offer as below, to see if folks really want them. They will generally bear a little the first year.

**Prices:** 2 yr. transplanted Raspberries, either Black, Red, or Purple—15c each, \$1.50 doz., \$11.00 per 100.

**Logan Berry** and **Himalaya Berry** are not hardy here in the middle west, so we do not grow nor offer them. They do not seem to stand temperature below zero.

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## Gooseberries

(Gooseberries, currants and white pine seedlings cannot be shipped west of the Missouri River, account Govt. quarantine.)

Gooseberries should be planted in rows 4 feet apart and 2 feet apart in the row, and keep well mulched with old hay or straw. Don't be sparing, put it on thick, 4 or 5 inches deep. If it is not convenient to mulch, the next best thing is good cultivation.

In the varieties we list, probably the best known are **Houghton** and **Downing**, both old varieties, tried and tested for years. Houghton is the strongest grower, a good annual bearer, fruit of fair size. Downing is a more compact grower, berries a pale green and very large, fine for dessert and canning.

**Champion** is a strong grower, resembles Houghton. Berries large brownish red, and a good market variety.

**Josselyn** (or Red Jacket) is very compact, similar to Downing in looks, both in bush and fruit.

6 or more at dozen rate, 25 or more at 100 rate.

	Each	Doz.	100
All varieties	-----	\$ .30	\$3.00 \$20.00

## Miscellaneous

### Small Fruits

### Strawberry Raspberry

The fruit is borne on the new growth and so is hardy in any climate. Berries are bright scarlet, larger than strawberries, but of similar shape, rather partakes of the character of raspberries in that the seeds are covered by flesh as in the latter. Bush is low, growing 12 to 18 inches high. Quite a curiosity, but I don't think much of it otherwise.

	Each	Doz.
Strawberry-Raspberry	-----	\$ .10 \$1.00

### Dwarf Juneberry

In habit of growth similar to currant bushes; extremely hardy fruit, a mild sub-acid. Red, changing to purple when ripe, is a handsome growing shrub, very ornamental.

	Each	Doz.
Juneberry, Dwarf	-----	\$ .15 \$1.50

### Dewberries

**Lucretia Dewberry** is a variety of blackberry that trails on the ground. Perfectly hardy and very productive. Ripens early, very large, is often one and a half inches long, by one inch in diameter; rather soft, sweet, and with no hard core. Does well on any soil.

	Each	Doz.
Lucretia	-----	\$ .10 \$1.00

## Less Corn—More Clover

Everybody is talking "less corn and more clover," and I guess that is the only thing that will bring back the price of corn. A 25 per cent reduction in corn acreage and a corresponding increase in clover and sweet clover and hubam and alfalfa will help out all around. I'm for it.

But what corn we do grow, we must make count, every acre of it. Better preparation, better cultivation, better seed.

If you haven't got first class seed of your own we can fix you out with the right kind from here. We can give you the best there is, either white or yellow, early or late. Try us and see.

## Varieties of Seed Corn

I haven't room here to give long descriptions of all of the kinds of seed corn we have, but have given a condensed list of them in the price list and will be glad to give you full information on any of them on request.

## Grading

The grains, in all varieties, except ensilage and fodder corns, are graded to 1-5 inch in thickness, and either 20-64, 22-64 or 24-64 in width, according to variety. Absolutely no butt or tip or uneven grains in our corn.

## Samples Free

I will be glad to send you small samples of any of the different kinds of seed corn on request. Ask for the varieties you are interested in.

## Safe Arrival Guaranteed

We guarantee safe arrival of seed corn to you, and in case any shipment arrives short or damaged, we will, upon receiving proper proofs from you for filing freight claim, make good the loss to you, either by refilling or refunding, and collect the loss from the railroad.

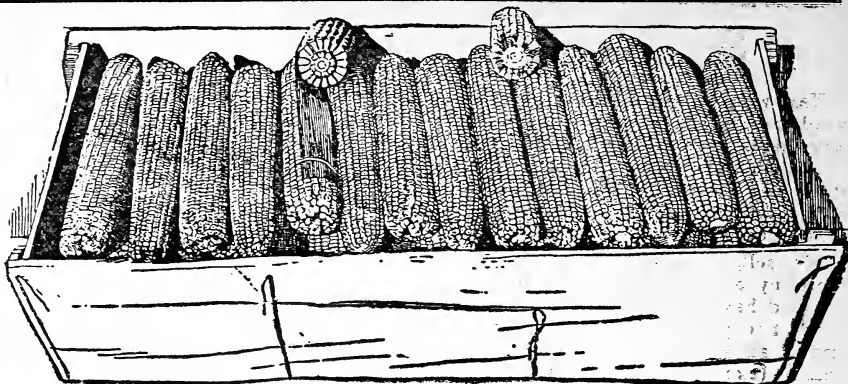
## Northern Grown Seed

We always have a supply of the extra early varieties grown in South Dakota or Northern Iowa, so as to be sure of extreme earliness for our northern trade, and can generally supply any of the extra early varieties named above for shipment direct from the grower in South Dakota or from here along with other seed, as you prefer.

## Change in Prices

*These prices on corn will probably stand all spring, but some varieties may go sold out.*

Our seed corn does well over a wide range of country. If you need seed corn I am sure we can suit you.



## Price List of Seed Corn for 1924

These prices are for strictly first class seed, extra selected, butted and tipped by hand, shelled and triple graded, tested before shipping, and tests marked on each sack. Prices are f. o. b. here, sacked in strong, new sacks, with no extra charge for sacks.

### Same Price on All Varieties

We will make the following prices on all the standard varieties.

10 bu.	5 bu.	2 bu.	1 bu.	½ bu.	Pk.	Gal.
\$4.00 per bu.	\$4.10 per bu.	\$4.15 per bu.	\$4.25	\$2.25	\$1.25	75c

### Standard Main Crop Varieties

**Shenandoah Yellow.** Large, rough, yellow, cattle corn. Heavy yielder.  
**Shenandoah Special.** Similar, but smoother, and about 10 days earlier.  
**Jumbo Yellow.** A very large, heavy yielding, rather smooth, yellow corn.  
**White Elephant.** Long, smooth, white, heavy yielder, stands hardship well.  
**Reid's Yellow Dent.** Large, yellow, fairly rough, extra fine type of ear.  
**Boone Co. White.** Deep grained, rough, extra large ear, for good land.  
**Cornplanter.** An improved strain of Boone. Longer ear. Beautiful grain.  
**Iowa Silvermine.** Medium size white corn, good for old or thin land.  
**St. Charles.** Red cob, white corn, strong grower; popular in Missouri.  
**Improved Calico.** Striped red and yellow. Good yielder and fairly early.

*All of the above are home grown here in Southwest Iowa, and are the best varieties grown here. All sell at prices named above.*

### Early Corn—80 to 90 Days

These are the varieties for planting in the extreme north, or for replanting or for extra early feeding corn here and south. Most of them can be supplied in either home grown or Dakota grown. The Dakota seed is generally earlier and smaller. Please specify if you have any choice. *All same price.*

**Silver King.** The standard early white corn for northern Iowa.  
**Northwest Yellow Dent.** A similar early corn, only yellow. Very early.  
**Red 90 Day.** Very early and hardy. Red grain with yellow cap.  
**Flint or Yankee Corn.** Earliest of all. Small, smooth and hard.

**Mule Corn.** A remarkable hybrid. \$6.00 per bushel.

### Small Amounts of Seed Corn by Mail

Shelled seed, large packet 10c, pound 25c, 3 pounds one variety 65c, 5 pounds \$1.00. Specimen ears 40c each. These prices apply to all varieties, postpaid, anywhere in the United States.

### Subject to Your Test

We sell it subject to your own test and approval, and if it is not absolutely satisfactory to you in every way, you can return it at our expense, and we will refund your money and pay the freight. You can't lose on a deal of that kind. You can have two weeks or a month to test it if you wish. All I want is for you to be satisfied.

### Guarantee on Seed Corn

Of course I can't guarantee you a crop for I can't be there to plant it and tend it, but you can take the seed home and examine it and test it and call in the neighbors; and if you feel that you have been beat, you can have your money back. That's fair. All I ask is, that you give me a fair shake and I will leave matters in your hands.

## Seed Corn

Yes, we are still growing and selling seed corn, the very best you can get anywhere, except in your own field. You should have picked and hung your own seed last fall, but if you didn't, and must buy now, we can fix you out with good seed at a reasonable price.

We sell, I believe, more seed corn than any other seed house in the country, and have less kick on it. It is sold subject to your own test and approval, and is all grown right here in Shenandoah, (except some early varieties northern grown).

There is no use taking several pages in the catalog telling about it, and blowing, and telling big tales about yields, and all that. I have been growing and selling seed corn here at Shenandoah since heck was a pup, and have seen the rise and fall of dozens of competitors.

I am not especially anxious for seed corn business. I would rather sell garden seeds and alfalfa and flowers, but there are always some that need corn and I can do them more good than any one else; so I rather have to stay with it.

And while I am in the business, I am going to do it right. Our seed is grown right, handled right and sold right.

Watch Seed Sense and monthly price lists for prices and special announcements.

## Ear Seed Corn

(Same price as shelled corn except for a 50c extra charge for boxing)

In quantities of one bushel or over, we will furnish ear corn at the same price as shelled corn. The prices above are on the very best possible quality of seed, shelled, graded, and sacked, ready for use in the planter. We can furnish the same corn in the ear at the same price. You will have the satisfaction of seeing it on the ear, but you will lose the shrink. It will cost you more freight and there is always some loss in shipping. It is absolutely the same quality in every way as the shelled corn and we see no reason for making any difference in price. The ear corn will be shipped in sacks the same as shelled corn, unless otherwise specified. If you want it packed in boxes, add 50c per bushel. Remember, we cannot sell ear corn except in even bushels.

## Hung Corn—\$6.00

We always pick a lot of the best seed ears early and hang them up. That's the only really sure way to get 100 per cent germination or close to it. We have, as usual, this year a lot of early picked hung corn of the best varieties, showing from 98 to 100 germination. We can supply it either shelled and graded, or in the ear in the rough. Of course, it's sold subject to your own test and approval. Price, \$6.00 per bu., flat, but not less than ½ bu. sold.



## Fodder and Ensilage Corn

The following varieties are for drilling thick for ensilage and fodder and are not so carefully selected or graded as the standard grain varieties listed elsewhere, and for that reason can be sold cheaper. Prices on these varieties as follows, f. o. b. here, bags free.

10 bu.	5 bu.	2 bu.	1 bu.	½ bu.	Pk.	Gal.
\$3.00 per bu.	\$3.10 per bu.	\$3.15 per bu.	\$3.25	\$1.75	85c	55c

**Mammoth White Ensilage.** Tall, heavy, late. Makes an enormous tonnage.

**Loaming Yellow Ensilage.** Medium ripening and height, heavy and leafy.

**Early Dent Fodder.** Very early ripening, for short seasons.

**Fodder Flint.** Earliest fodder of all. Very leafy and sweet.

## Ever Hear of "Mule Corn"?

That's a term we invented ourselves, but it is the only name I can think of that fits.

The scientists and State Colleges and Experiment Stations have been working for several years on the same idea that practical farmers have known for ages was a good one, that of the superior quality of the first cross between two radically different plants or animals.

It works in hogs, and in chickens, and tomatoes and corn, and probably in most other similar cases. The first cross between two pure-bred line-bred strains radically different in character, will generally prove better than either parent, often far better. But only for one generation. The next is no good. You have to make the cross new each time from pure bred parents.

Prof. Hughes at the Iowa State College, has been getting some rather remarkable results in cross bred corn. He tried hundreds of combinations, but the one that seems to give best results was a cross of Argentine native flint corn on a pure Reid's Yellow Dent. The result is an ear like Reid's, with the vigor and prolificacy of the Argentine.

The college is not ready to announce their results officially yet, but it is known that they have got some very

surprising yields by planting this cross bred seed.

We have been making some experiments along this line ourselves, on our own grounds, and we have a limited amount of this "first cross" seed to offer this winter. It is produced by planting alternate rows of high grade Reids and Argentine and detasseling the Reids so that all the pollen must come from the Argentine. The resulting seed on the Reids is bound to be a straight hybrid, and is the only seed saved.

We are expecting some great results from this seed and want you to help us test it out. We will sell it in 1 acre units (7 lbs.) for \$1.25. Postage or express extra. Large lots \$6.00 per bu. to go at your expense. Argentine Yellow Flint, price \$6.00 per bu. Use this in making your own cross-bred or Mule Corn, and see for yourself.

## 90 Bushels Per Acre

The above is what we said about the Mule Corn in last year's catalog, and I am more convinced than ever that it is great stuff. We planted a field of it and made a yield of 90 bu. per acre as against 65 bu. of good Reids on similar land. I believe you can do the same, or better. The men who planted it last year are reporting great yields.

Ask for latest weekly price list on all kinds of Field Seeds.

# Sudan, Kaffir, Milo, and Other Dry Weather Crops



## Sudan Grass

### The Great New Fodder Crop

This is undoubtedly the greatest new crop since the introduction of alfalfa, and it will make more hay or fodder, of a better quality and with more absolute certainty of a crop than anything else except alfalfa, and it has the advantage over alfalfa of being quick and easy to grow.

It is certainly "the poor man's friend." It will grow on even the thinnest of soil and will make good in a dry season when everything else fails and will feed a team and cow to every acre. The renter or small land owner who goes on a farm with no hay can sow seed in May and begin cutting in August and another in September. Good hay, too.

Briefly, it is an annual plant, somewhat similar to cane or kaffir, but much more slender and fine-stemmed, easier to cure, hardier, quicker to mature, making a great yield of better quality.

It stools like wheat and makes as high as 100 stems from a single seed. It keeps sprouting up and can be cut once a month. Ours planted in May was cut July 1st, when about five feet high, and by August 1st was five feet high again, and again September 1st was almost as high and ready for another cutting. The hay stays green, even after the seed ripens, and if cut before frost makes the best of hay, besides a seed crop.

Sow it broadcast or drill it with a wheat drill, using 20 to 40 pounds of seed per acre, and handle it with a grain binder.

In an extremely dry country, it should always be drilled in rows and cultivated so as to conserve the moisture, same as all crops in such countries.

The hay keeps easily, either loose, in bulk or stacked or shocked in bundles. It can be fed same as any hay and has higher feeding value than any other hay except alfalfa. It yields about the same as good alfalfa, say 5 to 10 tons per acre of dry land.

It is also fine to feed green as a soiling crop or to put in a silo like corn. It does not sour like cane. Its greatest advantage over other crops is in its ability to withstand drouth. It will make a crop on less moisture than any other crop known. It was first introduced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a crop for the extremely dry regions of Oklahoma, Kansas, and the Texas Panhandle, and they went crazy over it there. It made a crop every year in spite of dry weather, hot winds or anything else. It has proven equally valuable in other states and has been grown successfully in every state in the Union. It is certain to supplant millet entirely and probably cane also, as it makes more and better feed than either and will stand more dry weather.

It is important to get northern grown seed free from Johnson grass and free from cane and kaffir hybrids.

Wherever you buy your seed, insist on a guarantee on all the above points. They are important. Northern grown seed is best for planting either north or south. Price generally about 10c to 12c per lb. Ask for latest prices.

### Special Postpaid Prices

To those who want small amounts of Sudan by mail, we will make the following special prices. These prices are for postal zones 1, 2, 3, 4. Add 2c a pound for each zone beyond. 1 lb, 25c; 2 lb, 45c; 3 lb, 65c; 5 lb, \$1.00.

### Fodder Cane—Sorghum

Most of the farmers of the west are getting well posted on the value and uses of cane, but the east has yet much to learn about it. Here in condensed form, are the points regarding cane. Produces from three to eight tons (cured) per acre of valuable feed for horses and cattle; may be grown anywhere, even with drouth and unfavorable conditions that would kill most fodder crops; principally grown for winter supply of forage, or for feeding as green feed. In this way it can be made the chief food for horses and cattle from August to May. Furnishes excellent pasture for hogs from June to Frost; the seed is excellent for poultry and will increase egg production; dairymen will find it of exceptional value as feed for milk cows, as it will grow thrifty and green in weather so dry that it would ruin corn or ordinary crops. Cane can be cut two or three times a summer if cut before it heads out, and in that form makes fine hay. Price varies. Usually about \$2.50 bu.

### White Kaffir—Black Hull

This is the standard grain sorghum grown all over the southwest. It is worth growing anywhere, however, as it makes a big yield in spite of any kind of weather or soil conditions, and makes fine feed for poultry or pigs.

It is usually drilled in rows like corn, using from 2 to 5 lbs. of seed per acre. The thinner it is planted, the better the heads it makes. Price varies. Generally about \$2.80 per bu., fodder grade less.

Postpaid prices on Cane, Kaffir, Milo, Sudan and Feterita: 1 lb, 25c; 2 lbs. 45c; 3 lbs, 65c; 5 lbs. \$1.00.

### Milo Maize

Next to kaffir corn, this is probably the best known of all the grain sorghums. It does not grow so tall as kaffir corn, and as a rule does not yield as well under favorable conditions, but it can be grown on less moisture and for that reason is quite largely grown in the western part of Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, where kaffir corn sometimes fails for lack of rain. Price varies. Generally about \$2.80 bu.

### Feterita

Feterita belongs to the same class as kaffir and milo, but is considerably earlier than either one. It is said to stand drouth better and makes a larger, softer grain. In manner of growth it is about half way between kaffir and milo, but the heads stand perfectly straight and erect and the grains are very large, pure white and comparatively soft. Can be fed without grinding.

Feterita is the one grain crop that will beat the hot winds and drouth by maturing thirty days earlier than kaffir corn and fifteen days earlier than milo. Feeding value of feterita as a grain and forage crop is equal in every way to kaffir, and we believe it to be much better on account of the grain being larger and softer than kaffir. Price varies. Generally about \$3 per bu.

### For the Small Farmer

These crops on this page are ideal for the small farmer or town lot farmer. They will grow anywhere, and if you want some hay or fodder for your cow or horse, there is nothing will make as much feed as Sudan.

Or, if you want grain for your poultry, the Kaffir, Feterita, or Milo Maize will make a world of feed on a small area. They are equal to wheat for poultry feed, and better than corn.

It only takes a small amount of seed, and we will send it to you postpaid at a reasonable price. Plant and tend just like corn or sweet corn, or broadcast if you prefer.

Ask for latest weekly price list on all kinds of Field Seeds.

## Cowpeas

### (Southern Field Peas)



They are the hot weather peas grown so much in the south, where they take the place that clover does in the north.

They can be grown anywhere in the cornbelt fully as successfully as in the south. You not only get a quick crop of green feed or hay, but the roots enrich the soil by gathering nitrogen as clover does. They will grow on any soil, no matter how thin, and will bring it up into shape quicker than

any other crop. I have tried every variety I could hear of, and have decided that for the cornbelt, the *Whippoorwill* and *New Era* are the two best varieties.

Price generally \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bushel.

**Cow Peas and Soy Beans in Corn.** We sell hundreds of bushels of Cow Peas and Soy Beans for planting with corn especially when it is to be hogged down later. It works fine. Either mix with the corn in boxes, or use a special attachment.

## Canada Field Peas

This is the variety of peas grown so extensively in the north and northwest as a field crop. They are somewhat similar to the ordinary garden pea, but make longer vines and more pods. They should be sown very early in the spring, either alone or with oats or barley at the rate of from one to two bushels per acre. They may be cut and cured for hay or let ripen and threshed like small grain. They do not do well sown late in the season, as they grow only in cool weather. *Ask for prices.* Generally \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bu.

## Caution Regarding Cow Peas

Be sure to say whether you want the Northern (Canadian) Field Peas, or the Southern Cow Peas. The Canada Peas are a cool weather crop and should be sown early. They are the ones to sow with oats. The Cow Peas are a hot weather crop, will not grow early or in cold weather, but make wonderful growth in hot dry weather. Say which you want.

Any crop that grows seeds in pods will give two to five times yield if inoculated with Farmogerm. We sell it.



## Soy Beans

Somewhat similar to cow peas, but make a stout, erect bush, instead of a vine. They are also earlier and hardier than cowpeas, can be sown earlier, and will succeed under more adverse conditions. Grown as a forage crop and as a soil renovator. They can be used as green feed, cured for hay, or cut for seed crop and they are very valuable either way. Will grow on sour land.

We now look upon soy beans as a staple crop. Hundreds of acres in the corn belt are put right in with the corn, using the soy bean attachment on the corn planter.

We have tried a good many varieties and have finally sifted down to the ones listed below, as being worth while for all practical purposes.

For prices see monthly price list; probably around from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bushel.

### Ito San

The earliest we list, maturing in 100 days, attains a height of 28 inches and is a yellow bean fine for hogging down early or for northern latitudes.

### Manchu

The best all around main season variety we list. Matures in 120 days, grows from 36 to 40 inches in height, is a yellow bean with a dark seed scar, retains its leaves remarkably well and stands erect.

### Mid-West

The standard variety for the central corn belt. Well suited for hay or pasture or as a seed crop for hogging down. Attains a height of 36 inches, matures in 120 days.

### Virginia

A brown seeded variety, grows fully 50 inches in height, rather slender and climbing in habit of growth; matures in 125 days. A new variety and a good one.

### Jet (Sable)

A black seeded variety, planted for ensilage, found to be one of the best, at Ames, for this purpose. Fine for hay, grows from 36 to 40 inches and is an abundant yielder of seed and leaf growth. Requires 115 days to fully mature.

### Columbian

The rankest growing soy bean we list, splendid for hay or soiling crop, can also be used for ensilage, especially desirable when planted with corn to be hogged down. A late bearer, requiring from 125 to 130 days is a very rank grower, semi-erect in habit of growth. Beans are of a green color.

## Sudan Grass

I consider this the greatest new farm crop introduced in the last 25 years. I have been growing it now for several years and I am firmly convinced of its value. I have taken a full page for it further over. See page 58 for description. See monthly price list.

I want every farmer to try at least a few cowpeas and soy beans, so I will send small amounts by mail, postpaid, as follows: *Large package, 10c; 1 lb, 25c, 3 lbs for 65c.*

## Millet

**True Golden.** This is the millet that has enormous big heads and wide leaves. It is the rankest of all millets and makes lots of feed either as hay or grain. Can be sown as late as July in this latitude; and on this account is valuable where other crops have been washed out and lost. See monthly price list. About \$2.50 per bushel.

**Fodder.** This is common or mixed millet, such as is grown everywhere for hay or fodder purposes. It is not so valuable as the pure Golden for seed purposes, but for hay or feed there is very little difference. See monthly price list. About \$2.25 per bushel.

## Dwarf Essex Rape

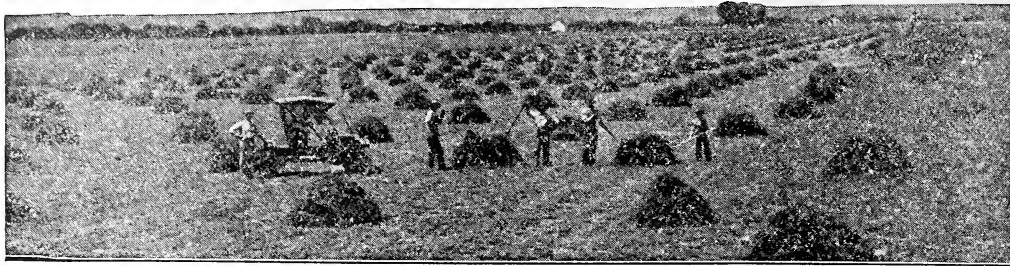
An annual plant of the cabbage family, grows very quickly in any weather and makes a big, loose bunch of leaves, somewhat like cabbage leaves, but long and narrow, grows all summer without going to seed. When eaten off, it sprouts up from near the ground. Hard freezing kills it. All kinds of stock eat it readily and thrive on it but I consider it most valuable for hogs, especially young stock. Broadcast 8 lbs. per acre on well prepared land, early in the spring, and after it gets started it will keep a dozen shoats to the acre all summer without other feed. See monthly price list. About 10c per lb.



Price  
\$2.00

This is the best seeder made at any price. It is roomy, strong, works evenly, and will sow any kind of seed any desired thickness. It is fully guaranteed, and if not perfectly satisfactory may be returned at our expense. Price, \$2.00, f. o. b. here. If wanted by parcel post, add postage for 5 pounds.

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Alfalfa seed is cheap this year—as low as \$9.00 per bu. Ask for latest prices.

## Alfalfa

I am convinced that most of the farmers of the United States are missing a good thing by not growing alfalfa. In some sections it is grown heavily, but in nine-tenths of the country it is hardly known. I have been trying it here and watching it on the farms of my neighbors and I have had a great deal of correspondence with customers in other states who have tried it and I have come to the conclusion that there is hardly a locality in the country where it cannot be grown. Every year, on these pages, I urge those of you who have not tried alfalfa as yet, to take my advice or the advice of any other good counsel, and put out a few acres at least. Those of you, who have tried alfalfa, need no further urging, I know.

### Varieties of Alfalfa

We are trying to handle only the very best varieties, which have been time tried and all found hardy, of course some more so than others.

#### Midwest (Kansas-Nebraska)

From Nebraska and Kansas, we obtain a high grade of seed that is hard to beat for the corn belt. The fact is, we have learned to depend upon Kansas-Nebraska seed and seed from the Dakotas, anywhere in the United States. This strain is usually priced lower than the northern varieties, owing to the fact that there is a larger supply of seed of this strain, than any other. Perhaps I should say, all others combined which is proof of its popularity.

#### Extra Hardy Varieties

There are some soil types where the branch rooted variety is demanded or some extra hardy strain, like our *Dakota No. 12*, which comes from fields of long standing in western South Dakota. Perhaps the hardest of all varieties, like the *Cossack* and the *Grimm* alfalfa, are required.

#### Grimm

This is a very hardy time tried variety. It has been tested thoroughly throughout the United States and a good many foreign countries and in Canada. It has the characteristic spreading branching root system, large spreading crowns and the underground buds by which a thin stand will be thickened up. If you have a hardpan sub-soil to contend with or your water level is high this is one variety that may enable you to grow alfalfa where other varieties fail.

Our best Grimm seed comes from western Nebraska and the Dakotas where the annual rainfall is around 15 inches, the summers are hot and dry and the winters severe.

## Alfalfa and Prosperity

### Cossack

The government has spent thousands of dollars for a comparatively few pounds of Cossack seed and went to great pains to secure absolutely the hardiest alfalfa in the world. Prof. Hansen, now of South Dakota secured this seed for the government and brought it to this country, where it was carefully propagated and reproduced, until today there is a fairly plentiful supply. It has the same underground root system and spreading crowns, in fact, looks very much like Grimm. But those who have tried Cossack as a hay and seed crop, contend that it is a heavier yielder of both. It also has a greater variegation of blossoms. It has never been known to winter kill under any conditions unless it would be a severe ice sheet. The seed we have to offer you is genuine, according to the pedigrees and affidavits which accompany our shipments.

### Dakota No. 12

By the process of elimination or the survival of the fittest, a number of fields planted to alfalfa in the Dakotas years ago, have hung on against great odds until today the seed coming from these old established fields is much in demand. This seed is known as *Dakota No. 12*. Many fields are doubtless of the Grimm type, but due to the change of land ownership, the pedigree has become lost and therefore an affidavit cannot be furnished. To those demanding a hardy field of alfalfa and not wishing to pay the higher cost of Grimm or Cossack, by all means choose *Dakota No. 12*.

### Where it is Grown

In buying alfalfa seed it is important to know where it is grown. For the corn belt, we prefer and use Midwest, (Kansas and Nebraska) seed. For the north we have Dakota and Montana seed.

### Clean Seed

Every pound of alfalfa seed we offer you is first re-cleaned and to start with is first grade seed. We have the latest mills, power driven, and our seed is not to be compared with country run, sometimes offered at cheap prices, which are in reality sometimes not so cheap.

### Inoculation

We believe thoroughly in inoculation. The cost is a trifling matter. One bushel size of Nitragin will cost you \$1.00 and will treat 60 pounds of seed. We consider inoculation a good crop insurance.

### Prices

See monthly price list, or write in for latest prices. We always sell it worth the money.

Samples of our Alfalfa seed are free. Ask for them, for planting or testing.

## Big Demand for Alfalfa

I never did see such a demand for alfalfa seed. So much of it got frozen out last winter that there is lots of re-seeding to do and it was so dry in the fall that very little was sown then.

They are all going to sow this spring. Mostly with oats or wheat. And I don't know but what that's a pretty good plan. It's easier to get a stand with alfalfa than with clover sown in the same way.

The seed supply is of good quality and fair quantity. The seed is cheaper than either red clover or sweet clover, and there is no excuse for not buying it now.

We have either Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota, or Montana, as you prefer. Or if you want to go into named sorts, we have *Grimm*, *Baltic* and *Liscomb*, all supposed to be extra hardy.

Write for samples and prices.

### Good Alfalfa Seed

Be sure you're right, then go ahead. You don't have to buy cheap alfalfa seed, not in this day and age. Be sure it is free of dodder, Canadian thistle, and any other noxious weed seed. If you doubt your own eyes, have your county agent look it over, or send a sample to your State Experiment Station and abide by their decision. Life's too short to bother with cheap seed anyway. We can't afford to do so, neither can we afford to sell it to you. We have an enviable reputation. In fact, this is our chief asset.

We get our seed direct from the grower, from the best localities and endeavor to handle absolutely the best there is. We are shippers to every state in the union of good alfalfa seed every year.

### Alfalfa Seed by Mail

If you want a few pounds of alfalfa seed to experiment with, I can send it by mail at 40c per pound, or 3 lbs. for \$1.10. (Except special varieties like Grimm and Cossack).

Remember, all our Alfalfa seed is sold subject to the test and approval of any State College or County Agent. Field Seeds.

Ask for latest weekly price list on all kinds of



Red Clover.

## Clover Seed

Ask for Free Samples of Clover or Grass Seed. Small Samples Free. Large Packets, 10c.

### About Prices on Clover Seed

**NOTE**—At the time this book went to press prices on this class of seeds were in an unsettled condition. I want to make the lowest possible price to you so don't depend on the prices given here, but write in for the latest. See the special list of prices on all kinds of grass seed. Ask for free samples, too.

We handle none but fancy grade of clover seed, and any quotations you may receive from us whether specified or not are based on very highest quality.

**Sold Subject to Test.** All our clover seed, and in fact all our grass seed, is sold subject to state or national test. If not perfectly satisfactory in every way, return the seed at our expense and we will refund the money paid for it.

**Safe Arrival Guaranteed.** We pack clover seed for shipment in the very best of sacks and often double-sack it. We guarantee safe arrival in any part of the United States, and stand good for any loss that may occur in shipping.

**Insist on Tested Seed.** All our clover seed is re-cleaned and sold subject to government test. I advise you most strongly to buy only that grade of seed. If you don't want to buy it of me you can get it from some other seedsman, but don't take low grade seed; don't even buy from your neighbor unless the seed is thoroughly re-cleaned and has been examined for weed seed.

**Medium Red Clover.** This is the most popular of all the clover family. It is what is commonly called red clover, or June clover, and is the variety grown all over the United States. It grows to perfection here in Iowa and the seed grown here is the best in the world. It is bright and plump and universally free from bad weed seeds and I can offer inducements in the way of

prices. Prices subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Mammoth Red Clover.** This is a larger, later variety of clover, somewhat resembling the red or June clover. It is much ranker in growth and for that reason is not suited to rich land. It is sometimes of value on thin land where other clover will not grow. It will also stand extremes of heat, wet or cold, better than ordinary clover. It generally ranges in price about the same as ordinary clover or from 25c to 50c per bushel higher. Price subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Crimson Clover.** This is an annual clover that is widely used in the south and eastern states for fall sowing. It cannot be sown in the spring with any hope of success and is not hardy where peaches do not bear.

**Alsike Clover. (Swedish Clover).** This looks like a hybrid between red and white clover. It has a bloom somewhat like white clover, but more pink in color; it is especially suited to low, wet land, where red clover will not thrive. It will grow on land that is almost a swamp and will, in time, dry out the land and sweeten it up, so that other clover can be grown on it. It can also be grown on thin, sandy land or stony hillsides, where red clover would not catch. The seed is very small and goes much farther than ordinary clover. Prices subject to change. Probably about \$13 bu. See Monthly Price List.

**White Clover. (Dutch Clover).** This is the low, creeping clover that is used so much on lawns and in lowland pastures. It is the hardiest of all clovers, will grow anywhere, and is of considerable value, especially in pastures.

**Japan Clover.** This is grown in the south, and is not advised anywhere else. We cannot supply it.

**Burr Clover.** This is another southern proposition. I do not consider it of any value except where other clovers and alfalfa fail.

Amount of Clover Seed	Per Acre
Red Clover Alone.....	7 to 12 lbs.
Red Clover with Timothy.....	5 to 8 lbs.
Mammoth Clover alone.....	7 to 12 lbs.
Mammoth Clover with Timothy.....	5 to 8 lbs.
Alsike Clover.....	4 to 6 lbs.
Crimson Clover.....	20 lbs.
Alfalfa.....	12 to 20 lbs.
White Clover.....	5 lbs.

### Buy Clover Seed Early

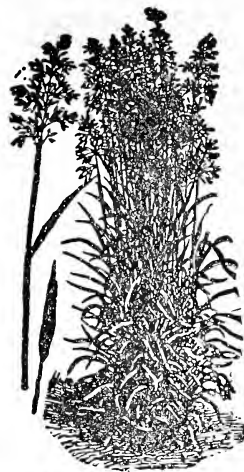
That's what it looks like now. We are selling clover seed at the time I write this at \$18.00 per bushel, and that is so near the car lot price that there is no fun in it and precious little profit.

And the car lot price keeps moving up on us so fast that every little while we find that we are selling in small lots for less than car lot prices.

I fully expect that clover will go to \$20.00 per bushel by seeding time. And hard to get, at that.

It's not war that ails the clover seed. It's simply old fashioned crop failure. You know how it is in your own neighborhood. It's the same way all over the country. Not enough seed to go around.

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## Other Grass Seed

**Timothy.** There is lots of Timothy seed grown here, and just east of us they raise thousands of acres, so we are in good shape to supply you seed. We re-clean it and grade it carefully and give you a strictly fancy article. We guarantee it free from red top and dangerous weeds. Probable price about \$5.00 bu. See Monthly Price List.

**Timothy-Alsike Mixture.** A great deal of alsike is grown with timothy. The seed being the same size, it is impossible to separate the two, so the seed is sold mixed that way. It is just right to sow for a mixed meadow, and is much cheaper than buying the two separately and mixing them.

It is the natural mixture, and if we had to buy the two separately and mix them, it would cost much more. Probable price 12 to 15 cents per pound. Price subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Kentucky Blue Grass.** This is the best natural pasture grass known. It makes a thick, luxuriant growth that is good from early spring to late fall. This seems to be a natural blue grass country here and the seed grown in this region is the very finest. We also get considerable quantities of the seed direct from the growers in Kentucky. The seed used to be sold always in the chaff, but cleaning machinery has been perfected now so that it is cleaned to solid seed. The standard weight is still 14 pounds to the bushel, but the seed is heavier than that, so it is generally sold by the pound. Price subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Red Top.** A splendid grass for low, wet land. Some of my neighbors who have river bottom land subject to overflow, made a mixture of red top, alsike, and blue grass and got splendid pasture with it. It is also good for sowing in new timber pasture or on thin hillsides. If you have good strong land that will grow timothy and clover, don't bother with red top, but if you have land where it is hard to get a stand of timothy or clover, then by all means use red top. Price subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Orchard Grass.** A valuable grass for pasture or hay land and especially good in new timber pasture. It furnishes the first green bite in the spring and the last in the fall. Well suited to shady places, such as orchards and groves. Sow 14 pounds to the acre. Prices subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Canadian Blue Grass.** Somewhat similar to Kentucky blue grass, but smaller, and growing closer to the ground. Valuable in thin, stony land and for mixing with other grasses for permanent pasture. Prices subject to change. See Monthly Price List.

**Grass Seed by Mail.** Small quantities of the leading varieties of grass seed by mail or prepaid express at about the following prices: Timothy 25c per lb.; Red Top, 40c per lb.; Blue Grass, 45c per lb.; Orchard Grass, 40c per lb; English Blue Grass 40c per lb.

## Lawn Grass Seed

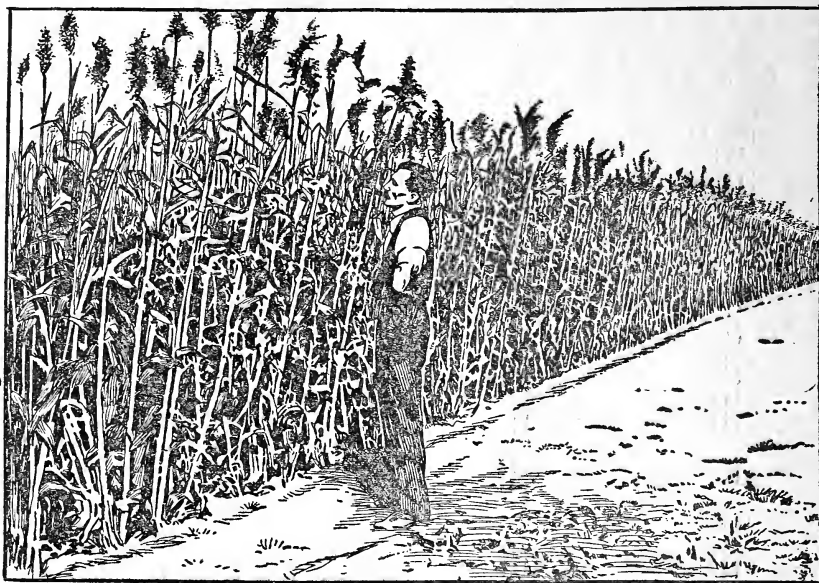
Of course you want a nice green lawn. That is as important as flowers. We can sell you the right kind of seed that will grow if it has the right conditions. You must have the soil well worked, fine and mellow on top, and packed underneath, and well fertilized. Also you must have plenty of moisture till the little grass gets rooted. Use 1 pound of seed to each 200 to 300 square feet, sown shallow and rolled if possible. Price postpaid 50c per lb.; large lots not postpaid, see monthly price list.

## Pasture and Meadow

### Mixtures

Most of our western farmers have not yet learned that pastures and meadows of mixed grass are far superior to clover or timothy alone. For either pasture or hay, best results are obtained from use of grass seed in mixture. A number of species of grass will insure a much denser growth than the same amount of seed of one or two kinds alone and prove less exhausting to the soil, as different grasses require different elements for their growth. With a number of varieties, you have a chance for a crop in any kind of season. I have studied the matter and believe I can fix you a mixture that will suit your condition and do you good.

**Permanent Meadow Mixture.** Will make the best quality of hay, as the mixture contains such grasses as produce heavy growth and mature together. This mixture is one we send out for medium or average soils. If your soil is extra rich and strong, or especially wet, or thin, or gravelly, or in some way different from ordinary soil, let us know the conditions and we will vary the mixture to suit your requirements. Sow about twenty pounds per acre or in re-working an old meadow, use half this amount. Price subject to change. **100 pounds or over, \$18.00 per 100 pounds.**



Some of our Wisconsin Amber Cane showing how it looks growing in the field. It is very early and sweet and a strictly pure strain. We can supply seed of our own growing of this and other strains at 25c per lb, postpaid

### Special Low Land Pasture Mixture.

This mixture is intended especially for low, wet, or overflow land, where it is hard to get a stand of clover and timothy. It is made up mostly of all the varieties of clover and grass that succeed best in low, moist land. Sow 15 pounds to an acre for new seeding, or less amount for re-seeding. Price subject to change. **100 pounds or over, \$18.00 per 100 pounds.**

**Permanent Pasture Mixture.** Selected with a view of giving a succession of grasses coming on constantly from early spring through the dry summer and through the fall. It is permanent and keeps improving year after year. For new seeding use 20 pounds per acre, or for re-seeding an old pasture, about 10 pounds per acre. Contains blue grass, meadow fescue, orchard grass, alsike, white and red clover, timothy, and small amounts of other grasses. Prices subject to change. **100 pounds or over, \$18.00 per 100 pounds.**

**Quick Action Hog Pasture.** Not permanent, but intended for quick results, where you wish to get lots of green feed as soon as possible for hogs or calves, or where you have odd lots of ground which you wish to put to use. Contains barley, field peas, and such quick coming annuals as will make luxuriant growth in from six to eight weeks. Can be sown very early in the spring and will be ready for pasture by the middle of May. For use later in the season, especially for sowing in July and August for fall pasture. Price subject to change.

**Sweet Clover Alfalfa Mixture.** There is considerable talk now about sowing sweet clover and alfalfa together, and I don't know but what it is a pretty good plan. We sometimes have natural mixtures of these two on hand. Write for prices.

## Sorghum Cane for Syrup

**CULTURAL INSTRUCTIONS.** Sorghum for syrup purposes should not be planted until the ground and weather are warm, say after corn planting time. Use about 3 lbs. of seed per acre, drilled shallow, and in rows corn row width. Thin later to not over two stalks per foot of row. Cut for making up into syrup when the seed is ripe. Moderately thin hill land makes the best syrup. Heavy land will yield well but the quality may be poor. The yield of syrup will vary from 100 to 250 gallons per acre.

We have tried dozens of varieties and have settled on the following as the best ones.

**PRICES.** Any of the varieties below, 25c per lb., 2 lbs. for 45c, 3 lbs. for 65c, 5 lbs. for \$1.00. Postpaid in zones 1, 2, 3, or 4. (2c per pound extra for each zone beyond.) Larger lots by express or freight, 15c per pound, flat, not prepaid.

**Wisconsin Amber.** A very early, very sweet strain of pure Early Amber. A few years ago a customer in central Wisconsin sent us one pound of selected seed which we planted very carefully on an acre of ground, and grew 40 bushels of seed and 200 gallons of syrup. We have kept it pure since and like it very much. It is very early, planted June 2 it matured Sept. 10, and makes a beautiful amber syrup.

**Short Orange.** An early, stocky, very cane of the well known Orange type. Season 100 to 110 days, medium height, and makes a heavy, light colored syrup. The Orange type has a thicker, heavier stalk than the Amber, and makes lots of juice.

**Big Orange.** A taller, later type of the Orange. Season 110 to 120 days. An enormous yield, but takes a long season and not suitable north of here. This strain or one very similar is known as Silvertip and Honeydrip.

This seed is high in purity and germination, but of course I can't guarantee it will be quite 100 per cent in either. It's the best we can turn out though, except a few hand sorted heads.

**Special Offer.** For our own stock we pick out a limited number of perfect heads in the field and hang up like seed corn. This is slow and expensive work, but it gives us extra purity and high germination. We have a limited amount of this stock seed in all varieties to spare at 40c per pound, or 3 pounds for \$1.00, postpaid, as long as it lasts.

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Sweet Clover on Our Trial Grounds

## Sweet Clover

There is no use preaching you a long sermon about Sweet Clover, for you all know about it by this time, and what a fine thing it is for a pasture hay or green manuring crop.

It is surer to catch than Red Clover, takes the same amount of seed per acre, and this year is cheaper. It will bring back old thin land quicker than almost any crop you can sow.

It does best sown very early in the spring, just like Red Clover, and the earlier you sow it the better. *Use only the hulled scarified seed. Don't fool with unhulled.*

It will thrive on almost any soil, but does best where there is plenty of lime in the soil.

### Varieties

**White Sweet Clover.** (*Melilotus Alba*). A biennial, that is, lives two years and then dies. Blooms and makes seed the second season. Grows from four to six feet high. Hardy everywhere. Will make a hay crop the first year, and two crops of hay or one of hay and seed, the second year. This is the variety that is always meant when you say simply, "sweet clover." We can supply either hulled or unhulled seed. See monthly price list.

**Yellow Sweet Clover.** (*Melilotus Officinalis*). This is also a biennial and is similar to the white except that it is about two weeks earlier, and not quite so tall, and does not grow so heavy and coarse. It is more branching and inclined to lay closer to the ground. It generally does not make quite so large a crop of hay, but is considered by many as better for pasture, and makes a finer grade for hay. The

use of this variety is increasing, and I notice many are changing over from white to yellow. In the San Luis valley in Colorado it is grown very extensively for pig pasture, and they like it there much better than the white.

**Grundy County (Early White).** This is an early type of the regular white Biennial. In habit and growth it more nearly resembles the yellow but is more dense and bushy in appearance and makes a heavier yield. See full description on next page. We are very much pleased with it and think it the best biennial sweet clover yet discovered.

**Giant White Annual Hubam.** This is a valuable new type which was discovered by Prof. Hughes of the Iowa State College. It is just like the big biennial white except that it is an annual and makes its entire growth and seeds the first season. See monthly price list.

*Sweet Clover is cheaper than Red Clover this year, and in lots of ways, it's better.*

### Sweet Clover in the Rotation

Sweet Clover fits in well with the ordinary rotation as it is a two year crop like red clover. In fact, it should always be sown and treated the same as red clover. Sown in the spring with a nurse crop, pastured or cut for hay that fall, pastured or cut for hay the next spring, then cut for seed in the fall, and plowed under, to be followed by corn.

### Use Scarified Seed Only

Sweet Clover seed will not grow well unless the seed is scarified. That simply means scratched. You see the seed has a waterproof outer coating, and if this coat is not scratched, it will not take water and so does not sprout. We have a special machine that rolls the seed over sandpaper and scratches every seed, and every pound of sweet clover seed we sell (except the unhulled) is put over this machine.

Insist on this whenever you buy, as the lack of scarifying is the cause of many failures with sweet clover. And don't buy unhulled seed at all, unless you can sow it in the late fall or early winter.

### Special Postpaid Offer on

#### Sweet Clover

The prices on large lots of Sweet Clover seed of course fluctuate with the market, and it is hard to quote an exact price for a long ways ahead. If you want a considerable amount, better write for prices. But if you want only a few pounds I can supply you by mail postpaid, any except Hubam, at 40c per lb., or 3 lbs. for \$1.00, postage paid anywhere in the United States.

Nitragin stays good for months. Buy it with your seed and have it ready to use. We sell it.

Ask for latest weekly price list on all kinds of Field Seeds.

### Postpaid Prices on Field

#### Seeds

We find there are lots of people who want only small amounts of field seeds, such as cane, Rape, Cow Peas, Soy Beans, etc., and for their convenience, we have arranged to sell practically all the common field seeds at the following prices, postpaid, in zones 1, 2, 3, and 4, with 2c per lb., extra for each zone beyond 4. 1 lb., 25c; 2 lbs., 45c; 3 lbs., 65c; 5 lbs., \$1.00.

Syrup Cane, all kinds.

Soy Beans, all kinds.

Cow Peas, all kinds.

Field Corn, all kinds.

Millet, all kinds. Fodder Cane

Feterita Canada Peas

White Kaffir Buckwheat

Milo Maize Colorado Peas

Blackeye Beans Velvet Beans

Dwarf Essex Rape Sudan

If you want to experiment on small amounts, here's your chance. Dip in. All the same price.

### Inoculating Bacteria

It is conceded by everyone now that in order to get best results from the clovers, alfalfa, sweet clover, soy beans, and other legumes, the proper bacteria must be present in the soil. You may get fair crops without them, but you will do much better with them.

These bacteria are present in many soils, must be added in others, and as they do not cost much it is a safe bet to always inoculate your seed unless you are absolutely sure the bacteria are already in the soil.

These bacteria can be purchased in convenient condensed form of any legume crop. Full directions for use are printed on the packages and they are easy to apply and not at all expensive. We can supply them as below. Be sure and mention crop they are wanted for.



New low prices. Bushel sizes instead of acre sizes.

1 bu. size can-----\$1.00

5 bu. size-----4.75

1/2 bu. size can-----.60

1/4 bu. size-----.40

Garden size (peas and beans)---.20

Made up fresh and guaranteed good for all of 1923.



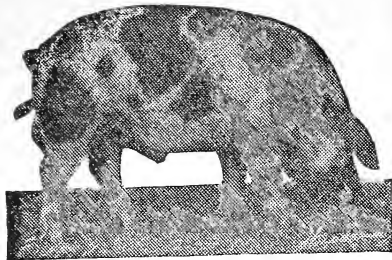
### Poultry

#### Eggs

#### Baby Chicks

Yes, we handle them in all the leading breeds, and we will be glad to have your orders. Write for list and prices, or, if you are in a hurry, send your order along at the usual prices.

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Our Junior Champion Spotted Poland China,  
a good type and example of the breed.

### The Spotted Pigs

In connection with our seed business we farm about 600 acres and raise lots of hogs, and of course we wanted the best kind to be had so experimented with a number of breeds but finally settled on the *Spotted Poland Chinas* as the best ones, or at least the ones that suited us best. We have probably the largest herd of them in the United States and sell and ship them all over the country.

I chose this breed after trying out the Durocs, Poland Chinas, Chester White, and Hampshires, alongside, and I found the Spotted Polands did better for me than any of the others. They are as prolific as Durocs, as good mothers as Hampshires, as big and deep as Poland Chinas, as quick maturing as the whites, and in bigger demand than any of them.

And besides, I like their looks and they are different from the other hogs here, and the people I sell to, all like them. They come originally from Indiana and Ohio, and are probably the old original Spotted Poland Chinas of our boyhood days, when as you may remember, they were all spotted.

We have about 1,000 head of them now, all registered, and all good ones, and we ship them all over the United States. We sell them by mail, at reasonable prices, and ship them on approval. We guarantee them to be satisfactory to you in every way or no trade. We furnish papers with all hogs, and guarantee safe arrival. *We will sell you any size and age from weanling pigs up.*

We have two big sales of bred sows this spring, *February 19 and March 18*, and it would be fine for you to come to the sales and see the hogs and visit the seedhouse.

If you prefer to buy by mail we will be glad to fix you out with any size or age you want, guaranteed to please.

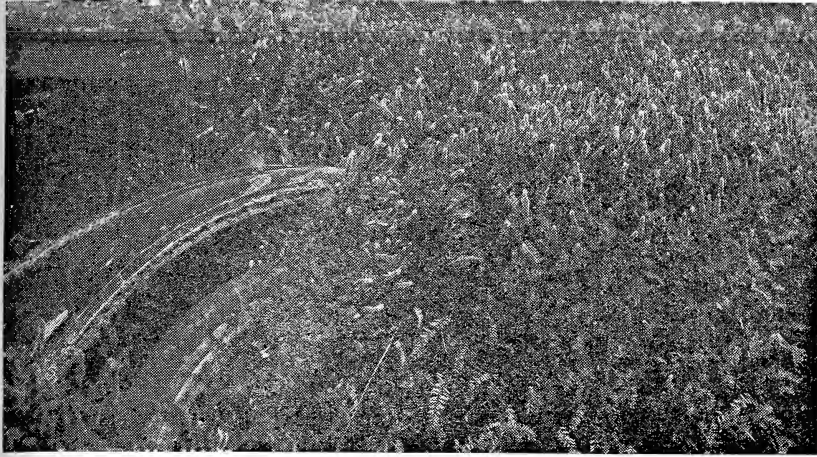
What could be finer for the boy or girl than a mother pig with a bunch of little ones growing into money? You can buy one worth the money at one of our sales, or by mail. If you want to start in Purebred hogs we can be of great help to you, and will show you all about it and tell you everything we know. We give papers with every thing we sell, and of course they are all vaccinated.

*"If you are in debt, get an old sow by the tail and she will pull you out."*

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Ask for our monthly price list of Spotted Poland China Pigs.

## DALEA--A Sour Land Clover



A field of *Dalea*, the new sour land clover, growing on the farm of Mr. Wood on the Missouri river bottom in western Iowa. This was taken in September, following a crop of winter wheat. This growth was all made after being cut off with the wheat early in July. Our seed is from this field.

### Prices of Dalea

1 pound -----50c postpaid  
5 pounds -----\$2.35 postpaid  
15 pounds (for 1 acre) --\$6.60 postpaid  
60 pounds (1 bu.) --\$23.00 by freight  
30 pounds (½ bu.) --\$12.00 by freight

A lot of us have failed with alfalfa and sweet clover and red clover because our soil was too sour or too thin to get them started, and if this new clover will start easily on thin or sour land and build it up to 75 bushel corn land, it is sure worth trying. Better get some of the seed and try it on your own soil and see what it will do.

tells me that the cattle ate up the straw greedily after he threshed his seed crop.

This Mr. Wood has been growing it in his winter wheat for 17 years now, and has had the same land in wheat every year all this time, with the yield getting better every year. And when he changed a part of the land to corn one year, it made 75 bu. per acre, when similar land alongside, which had not had this clover, made only 50 bu. It is not a perennial, but will seed itself and come up year after year on the same ground if plowed under after the seed is formed.

Personally, I believe it has a great future, and I have arranged with Mr. Wood to distribute a part of the seed he has grown, and I prefer to sell it in small amounts so as to get as wide a distribution as possible, for the supply of seed is very limited as yet. Try enough for one acre, a few acres, or buy a pound and plant in a small patch where you can save all the seed for another year. It grows from 2 to 3 feet high, stands up well, and is easily harvested and threshed.

### Cultural Directions

Handle the same as Red Clover, that is, sow it with small grain early in the spring at the rate of 15 lbs. per acre. Or in a small patch for test, drill in rows alone. Plow under in the fall for green manure, or cut for hay or seed.

## Northern Grown Seed Potatoes

This is the year to get some good new seed potatoes, and we are prepared to take care of you in good shape, for we have our cellars full of good sound *Northern Grown* seed, and more coming from the Red River country as soon as it is safe to ship.

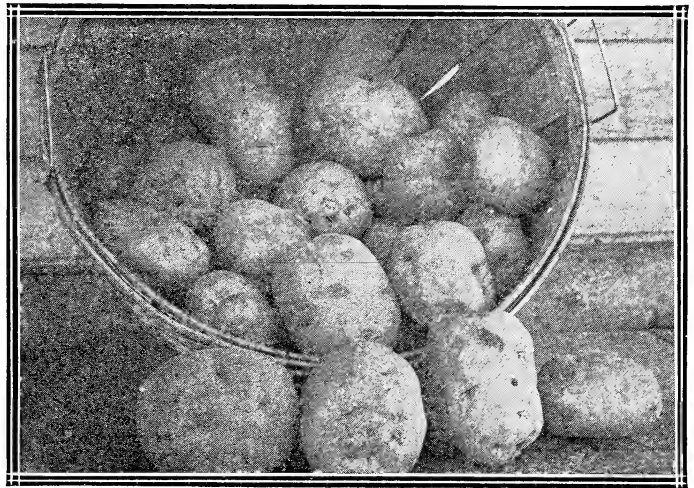
Seed Potatoes from the North do much better than home grown seed, and it will pay big to use them.

Our seed is pure, vigorous, hardy, and free from scab or blight. It can't help but suit you.

**Varieties.** We use almost entirely the *Irish Cobbler* and the *Red River Early Ohio*, and, if any difference, we like the *Cobbler* the best of the two. We used to raise entirely *Ohios*, but we find the *Cobblers* are just as early, yield better, make a better eating potato, and sell better on the market. We can supply either variety, and both good seed, but take my advice and try the *Cobbler*. It is a round, white potato, and does well on all soils.

For a late potato, we use the *Rural New Yorker*, which is the best big smooth round white late potato. The late potatoes are not grown here so much as the early ones, but will make very fine crops if rightly handled.

We also have seed sweet potatoes, but cannot quote prices now. Write for prices in March if interested in sweet potatoes.



Irish Cobbler, the Best Early Potato Grown

All prices are f. o. b. here, to go by express or freight at your expense. We ship in spring when we think weather is safe, but do not assume risk for freezing in transit.

**PRICE.** Either variety, \$2.00 per bushel; \$1.10 per ½ bushel; 75c per peck. Packed in paper lined boxes, barrels or baskets, 25c per bushel less if packed in bags.

## Some Things You *Must* Have

This catalog is full of good things that you ought to plant, but there are a few specially good varieties that every one ought to have by all means, and I wanted to call your attention to them here. I don't have room to describe them fully here, so I am referring you to the pages in the catalog where you will find full descriptions.

H. F.

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## Special Offer—All for \$1.50

On looking this over, I find that it makes just about a complete garden in itself, as there is everything in it but watermelons, and you can buy them extra if you want them. You will have the best of everything.

So I have decided to make a *Special Offer* on this, of the entire collection as above (except the potatoes), a good, large package of each, enough for any ordinary garden, all for \$1.50, postpaid. Full cultural instructions included. Ask for *Back Cover Collection*.

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